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LIST OF OFFICERS

Elected and Appointed

Selectmen

JONATHAN LAMSON, Chairman
ARTHUR C. CUMMINGS EDWARD A. DEWITT

Overseers of Poor

ARTHUR C. CUMMINGS, Chairman
JONATHAN LAMSON EDWARD A. DEWITT

Board of Health

EDWARD A. DEWITT, Chairman
ARTHUR C. CUMMINGS JONATHAN LAMSON

Moderator

ROBERT B. WALSH

Town Clerk

CLARENCE S. KNOWLTON

Treasurer

ANNIE E. WOODBURY

Tax Collector

CHARLES W. APPLETON

Assessors

GEORGE H. GIBNEY, Chairman
Term expires 1926

GEORGE E. SAFFORD JESSE S. MANN
Term expires 1925 Term expires 1927

Tree Warden

HARRY R. MCGREGOR

Trustees Public Library

ROBERT B. WALSH, Chairman

Term expires 1927

ARTHUR W. CHANDLER

Term expires 1925

EDWARD A. UNDERHILL

Term expires 1926

School Committee

ROBERT ROBERTSON, JR., Chairman

Term expires 1927

MRS. ADELAIDE D. WALSH

Term expires 1926

ALEXANDER H. SPROUL

Term expires 1925

Cemetery Commissioners

GEORGE H. GIBNEY, Chairman

Term expires 1927

FRANCIS C. NORTON

Term expires 1925

MRS. ADALIZA C. ROBERTS

Term expires 1926

Park Commissioners

PERCIVAL D. WHIPPLE

Term expires 1927

EDWARD A. UNDERHILL

Term expires 1925

EDWARD A. DEWITT

Term expires 1926

Constables

ARTHUR SOUTHWICK

ALFRED T. POOLE

CHARLES H. SMITH

Chief of Police

ARTHUR SOUTHWICK

Surveyor of Highways

WILLIAM E. TOWNSEND

Moth Superintendent

HARRY R. MCGREGOR

Superintendent of Cemetery

WILLIAM G. MCKAY

Registrars of Voters

FRANK W. BUZZELL, Chairman

Term expires 1925

GEORGE E. SMITH

RUDOLPH H. HARADEN

Term expires 1926

Term expires 1927

CLARENCE S. KNOWLTON, Clerk

Sealer of Weights and Measures

RANDALL E. ADAMS

Town Accountant

CLARENCE S. KNOWLTON

Town Counsel

ROBERT B. WALSH

Fire Engineers

CHESTER H. KNOWLES, Chief

RODNEY H. ADAMS

FRANK DANE

LESTER M. WHIPPLE

HARRY R. MCGREGOR

Finance and Advisory Board

GEORGE v. L. MEYER, Chairman

COL. J. C. R. PEABODY

EDWARD L. McGARRY

LEVERETT A. HASKELL

WILLIAM W. BANCROFT

Inspector of Animals and Slaughtering

GEORGE R. DODGE

Forest Fire Warden

FRED BERRY

Pound Keeper

GEORGE H. HARADEN

Field Drivers

FRED BERRY

MERRILL S. LOVERING

FRED P. KILHAM

ERNEST M. BARKER

GEORGE M. ADAMS

Measurers of Wood, Bark and Lumber

JESSE S. MANN

LESTER M. WHIPPLE

RALPH BERRY

TIMOTHY MOYNIHAN

Keeper of the Lockup

GEORGE H. HARADEN

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

Receipts

TAXES

Current Year :

Property	\$87,390 91
Poll	900 00
Soldier's Exemption	05

Previous Years :

Property	13,378 30
Poll	305 00

\$101,974 26

From State :

Income Tax 1922	\$187 64
Income Tax 1923	500 50
Income Tax 1924	23,601 72
Nat. Bank Tax 1924	196 32
Corp. Tax Pub. Serv. 1923	73 22
Corp. Tax Pub. Serv. 1924	3,098 51
Corp. Tax Business 1923	29 94
Corp. Tax Business 1924	298 05
Street Railway Tax 1924	127 25

28,113 15

Forwarded

\$130,087 41

Brought forward	\$130,087 41
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LICENSES

Junk	\$50 00	
Pedler's	30 00	
Motor Vehicle (Dealer's)	24 00	
Oleomargarine	1 50	
	<hr/>	105 50

FINES AND FORFEITS

Fines:		
Court	\$60 00	
	<hr/>	60 00

GRANTS AND GIFTS

From State:		
Vocational Education	\$100 50	
From County:		
Dog Licenses	341 96	
	<hr/>	442 46

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT

Moth Assessment 1922	\$17 40	
Moth Assessment 1923	270 65	
Moth Assessment 1924	1,004 96	
	<hr/>	1,293 01
Forwarded		<hr/>
		\$131,988 38

Brought forward		\$131,988 38
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GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Town Hall:

Rent	\$121 00	
	<hr/>	\$121 00

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Inspection:

Sealer's Fees	\$34 38	
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Forestry:

State Highway Work	103 32	
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Forest Warden, Phone Tolls	36 15	
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	<hr/>	173 85
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HIGHWAYS

Rent of Road Roller	\$200 00	
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Sale of Materials	4 50	
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	<hr/>	204 50
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CHARITIES

Outside Relief:

From Cities	\$35 00	
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From State	45 50	
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Mothers' Aid:

From State	173 00	
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	<hr/>	253 50
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Forwarded		<hr/> \$132,741 23
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Brought forward	\$132,741 23
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SOLDIERS' BENEFITS

State Aid	\$198 00	
	<hr/>	198 00

SCHOOLS

Tuition	\$90 00	
Sale of books and supplies	8 00	
	<hr/>	98 00

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Insurance	\$1,500 00	
Fines	34 63	
Sale of Junk	4 17	
	<hr/>	1,538 80

PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES

Public Scales	\$12 84	
	<hr/>	12 84

CEMETERIES

Sale of Lots	\$140 00	
Sale of Graves	10 00	
	<hr/>	150 00

Forwarded	<hr/>	\$134,738 87
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Brought forward	\$134,738 87
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INTEREST

Deposits	\$486 33	
Deferred Taxes	539 37	
Perpetual Care Funds	227 75	
Dodge Fund Income	45 50	
Allen Fund Income	22 75	
	<hr/>	\$1,321 70

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

Temporary Loans:

Anticipation of Revenue	\$80,000 00
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Anticipation of Tuberculosis Hospital Loan	27,000 00
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Anticipation of Tuberculosis Hospital Loan (renewal of a part of above)	8,000 00
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General Loans:

Tuberculosis Hospital	19,000 00	
	<hr/>	134,000 00

AGENCY AND TRUST

Trust:

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	\$100 00	
	<hr/>	\$100 00

Forwarded	\$270,160 57
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Brought forward	\$270,160 57
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REFUNDS

Departmental:

Moth	\$0 75
Forest Warden	3 10
Poor	7 00
Schools	3 00
Interest	102 60
Civil War Poll Bonus	965 37

1,081 82

Total Receipts, Year 1924

\$271,242 39

BALANCES

Cash (Gen.) Jan. 1, 1924 \$30,570 63

Dodge Fund Income Jan.

1, 1924	125 74
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Allen Fund Income Jan.

1, 1924	68 42
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30,764 79

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\$302,007 18

Expenditures

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

LEGISLATIVE

Moderator	\$30 00	
Finance Committee	8 50	
	<hr/>	\$38 50

SELECTMEN

Salaries and Wages:		
Selectmen	\$850 00	
Clerk	50 00	
Other Expenses:		
Postage, Stationery, etc.	34 31	
Car Fare and Expenses	61 30	
Steel Tape	4 50	
Stenographic Work	5 50	
Freight and Express	2 81	
	<hr/>	1,008 42

ACCOUNTING

Salaries and Wages:		
Accountant	\$1,160 74	
Other Expenses:		
Stationery, Postage, etc.	74 80	
Typewriter Desk	42 00	
Other Expenses:		
Stenographic Work	7 00	
Car Fare and Expenses	5 00	
	<hr/>	1,289 54
Forwarded		<hr/>
		\$2,336 46

Brought forward	\$2,336 46
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TREASURY

Salaries and Wages:

Treasurer	\$750 00
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Other Expenses:

Stationery, Postage, etc.	67 88
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Surety Bond	50 00
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Insurance (on equipment of Sealer in Custody of Treasurer)	42 40
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Repairing protectograph	1 50
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911 78

COLLECTOR

Salaries and Wages:

Collector	\$500 00
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Printing, Postage, etc.	113 95
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Surety Bond	150 00
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Phone	8 45
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772 40

ASSESSORS

Salaries and Wages:

Assessors	\$1,535 00
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Other Expenses:

Printing, Postage, etc.	58 44
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Auto Hire, Car Fare and Expenses	85 00
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Plans from Reg. of Deeds	175 00
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Forwarded	\$1,853 44	\$4,020 64
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Brought forward .	\$1,853 44	\$4,020 64
Abstracts from Reg. of Deeds	41 96	
Surveying	37 00	
Stenographic Work	29 25	
Expenses at Joint Meetings	11 47	
Table	12 50	
Banker & Tradesman	7 00	
	<hr/>	1,992 62

OTHER FINANCE ACCOUNTS

Certification of Notes	\$12 00	
	<hr/>	\$12 00

LAW

Salaries and Wages:

Town Counsel	\$200 00	
	<hr/>	200 00

TOWN CLERK

Salaries and Wages:

Town Clerk	\$480 39	
Fees	89 00	

Other Expenses:

Printing, Postage, etc.	49 45	
Publishing Amendments		
to By-Laws	10 50	
Return of Representative Vote	5 00	
Care Fare and Expenses	5 00	
Typewriting and Stenography	3 50	
Surety Bond	2 50	
Express	2 21	

 647 55

Forwarded

 \$6,872 81

Brought forward

\$6,872 81

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Salaries and Wages:

Registrars of Voters \$200 00

Election Officers 432 00

Other Expenses:

Printing and Postage 131 12

Food, Registrars and
Election Officers 124 21Stenographic Reports
and Typewriting 48 50

Counting Machines 10 00

Posting Warrants 4 00

Car Fare and Expenses 3 00

 952 83

TOWN HALL

Salaries and Wages:

Janitor \$700 00

Extra Labor 27 00

Other Expenses:

Fuel 731 97

Light 126 70

Repairs 178 59

Janitor's Supplies 34 56

Phone 58 99

Water 60 00

New Flag 29 90

Removing Ashes 24 00

Forwarded

 \$1,971 71

 \$7,825 64

Brought forward	\$1,971 71	\$7,825 64
Tuning Piano	8 00	
Laundry	3 50	
Dump	3 00	
Gasoline for Pump	2 31	
P. O. Box Rent	1 40	
	<hr/>	1,989 92
Payments from Town Hall		
Appropriation	\$1,989 92	
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Receipts:		
Rent	\$121 00	
Net Expense	1,868 92	
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	\$1,989 92	

TOWN HALL HEATING

Mason Work on Chimney	\$27 55	
	<hr/>	\$27 55

TOWN HALL INSURANCE

Insurance	\$1,065 30	
	<hr/>	1,065 30
Total Expenses, General Government	<hr/>	\$10,908 41

Brought forward

\$10,908 41

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

POLICE

Salaries and Wages:

Chief \$797 50

Officers 804 25

Other Expenses:

Auto Hire 80 25

Equipment and Repairs 111 14

Phone 83 92

Fuel and Light 34 26

Rent 110 00

Car Fare and Expenses 2 24

Serving Dog Warrant 30 00

Photos of Finger Prints 10 00

Postage, Stationery, etc. 9 25

Stenographic Work 7 00

Food, Prisoners 6 30

Advertising 4 00

Freight and Express 2 08

Janitor's Supplies 2 00

Medical Aid 2 00

 \$2,096 19

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Salaries and Wages:

Firemen \$543 88

Chief Mechanic 75 00

Superintendent of Alarms 25 00

Janitor 75 00

Forwarded

 \$718 88

 \$2,096 19

 \$10,908 41

Brought forward	\$718 88	\$2,096 19	\$10,908 41
Equipment and Repairs	799 96		
Fuel	127 50		
Light	57 98		
Power, Fire Alarm	45 48		
Buildings and Grounds:			
Repairs	25 80		
Labor on Grounds	23 75		
Furniture and Furnishings	6 50		
Janitor's Supplies	4 30		
Insurance	3 20		
Sharpening Lawn Mower	2 00		
Stationery and Postage	9 43		
Phone	53 39		
Supplies Auto Chemical	70 70		
City of Beverly, Assistance	100 00		
Food, Firemen	100 76		
Gas and Oil	68 34		
Medical Aid	26 00		
Auto Hire	12 00		
Express	2 44		
Relief of Injured Firemen:			
Medical Aid	211 86		
Clothing	328 90		
	<hr/>	2,799 17	
Forwarded		<hr/>	<hr/>
		\$4,895 36	\$10,908 41

Brought forward	\$4,895 36	\$10,908 41
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NEW FIRE ENGINE, HOSE AND ACCESSORIES

Engine	\$6,500 00	
Hose	1,000 00	
Accessories	250 00	
	<hr/>	\$7,750 00

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Salaries and Wages:

Sealer	\$75 00
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Other Expenses:

Transportation	112 25
Equipment	71 09
Record Book	2 06
Hay Scale Book	1 32

261 72

INSECT PEST EXTERMINATION

Salaries and Wages:

Superintendent	\$1,134 35
Labor	1,637 50

Teams	223 00
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Equipment and Repairs	379 26
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Insecticides	861 00
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Other Expenses:

Gas and Oil	200 48
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Phone	25 71
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Forwarded	<hr/> \$4,461 30	<hr/> \$12,907 08	<hr/> \$10,908 41
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Brought forward	\$18,396 94	\$10,908 41
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FOREST WARDEN

Salaries and Wages:

Forest Warden	\$10 00	
Phone	55 21	
	<hr/>	65 21

Total Expenses, Protection of Persons and Property		\$18,462 15
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Payments Forest Warden	\$65 21	
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Receipts:

Personal Phone Tolls	\$39 25	
Net Expense of Department	25 96	
	<hr/>	65 21

HEALTH AND SANITATION

General Administration:

Salaries and Wages:

Board of Health	\$100 00	
Clerk	25 00	

Quarantine and Contagious Diseases:

Board and Treatment	64 28	
Medical Aid	106 55	
Printing and Supplies	15 25	

Tuberculosis:

Board and Treatment	440 70	
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Vital Statistics:

Return of Births	2 75	
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Forwarded	\$754 53	\$29,370 56
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Brought forward	\$754 53	\$29,370 56
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Other Expenses :

Collection of Rubbish	1,088 26	
Dump	25 70	
Fumigation and Disinfection	122 10	
Total Payments from Health		
Appropriation	—————	\$1,990 59

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Inspection :

Animals	\$42 45	
	—————	42 45

ASSESSMENTS BY COUNTY

Cost of Essex Sanatorium	\$27,487 51	
	—————	27,487 51
Main. Essex Sanatorium	1,109 59	
	—————	1,109 59
		————— \$30,630 14

HIGHWAYS

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Superintendent of Streets	\$789 75	
	—————	\$789 75
Forwarded		————— \$60,000 70

Brought forward	\$789 75	\$60,000 70
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GENERAL EXPENDITURES

Labor	\$2,313 76	
Teams	587 00	
Stone, Gravel, etc.	406 09	
Equipment and Repairs	476 69	
Gravel Delivered as per		
Contract	7,729 51	
Excavation as per Contract	656 28	
Gas and Oil	608 91	
Liability Insurance	435 03	
Patching Material	225 31	
Auto Insurance	132 60	
Storage for Cars	69 00	
Freight and Express	1 99	
	<hr/>	13,642 17

BRIDGES

Lumber	\$67 25	
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OILING

Road Oil	\$672 38	
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Forwarded	<hr/>	<hr/>	\$15,171 55	\$60,000 70
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Brought forward	\$15,171 55	\$60,000 70
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ROAD ROLLER

Engineer	\$189 40	
Repairs	316 17	
Fuel	112 24	
Freight and Express	7 82	
	<hr/>	625 63

OTHER EXPENSES

Bound Stones	9 00	
	<hr/>	9 00

Payments from Highway Appropriation	\$15,806 18	
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Receipts:

Use of Roller	\$200 00	
Sale of Materials	4 50	
Net Expense	15,601 68	
	<hr/>	\$15,806 18

SNOW

Salaries and Wages	\$2,736 25	
Teams	930 50	

Other Expenses:

Repairs on Trucks and		
Plows	1,063 28	
Gas and Oil	114 42	
Sand	54 00	

Forwarded	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$15,806 18	\$60,000 70

Brought forward	\$15,806 18	\$60,000 70
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Registration of Trucks	54 00	
Tools	27 07	
Car Fare and Expenses	14 75	
Food	2 50	
Freight and Express	50	
	<hr/>	4,997 27

STREET LIGHTING

Contract	\$6,457 34	
	<hr/>	6,457 34

NORMAN FUND

Labor	\$194 00	
Equipment and Repairs	12 75	
	<hr/>	209 25

MILES RIVER ROAD

Salaries and Wages	\$278 51	
Teams	18 00	
Gravel as per Contract	703 49	
	<hr/>	1,000 00

UNION STREET DRAINAGE

Tile	\$151 90	
Contract	245 00	
	<hr/>	396 90

Forwarded	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$28,866 94	\$60 000 70

Forwarded	\$28,866 94	\$60,000 70
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SPECIAL HIGHWAY APPROPRIATION

PARK AND ARLINGTON STREETS

Salaries and Wages	\$882 50
Teams	425 00
Excavation as per Contract	601 22
Other Expenses:	
Surveying	76 80
Culverts	51 84
Catch Basin	36 00
Gravel	12 50
Gasoline and Oil	11 00
Repairs on Truck	6 04
Grade Stakes	5 60

WALNUT STREET

Salaries and Wages	\$119 50
Gravel and Stone	49 84
Other Expenses:	
Gas and Oil	28 46
Phone Calls	1 45
Repairs on Truck	75

LINDEN STREET

Salaries and Wages	\$120 75
Gravel and Stone	42 13

Brought forward	\$2,471 38	\$28,866 94	\$60,000 70
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Forwarded	\$2,471 38	\$28,866 94	\$60,000 70
Other Expenses:			
Gas and Oil	37 36		
Advertising (Home St.)	3 00		
	<hr/>	\$2,511 74	
		<hr/>	\$31,378 68

CHARITIES

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Overseers	\$100 00	
Clerk	25 00	
Stationery, Postage, etc.	2 47	
	<hr/>	\$127 47

OUTSIDE RELIEF

Groceries and Provisions	\$26 38	
Coal and Wood	51 50	
Board and Care	439 00	
Medical Aid	131 20	
Cash Aid	441 00	
Rent	40 00	
Clothing	15 44	
Burials	123 00	
Transportation	5 50	
	<hr/>	1,273 02
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		\$1,400 49
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		\$91,371 38

Brought forwarded	\$1,400 49	\$91,371 38
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RELIEF BY OTHER CITIES AND TOWNS

By Cities:

Groceries and Provisions	\$85 00	
Milk	11 33	
Fuel	11 50	
Board and Care	6 00	
Rent	19 50	
	<hr/>	133 33

MOTHER'S AID

By Town:

Cash Aid	\$1,663 00	
Milk	65 25	
Medical Aid	95 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,823 25

Total Payments, Charities	<hr/>	\$3,357 07
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Payments from Poor Appropriation	\$3,357 07	
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Receipts:

From Cities, Towns and State for Aid to Per- sons Whose Settlement Was not in this Town	\$253 50
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Temporary Aid Payment

Refunded	7 00
Net Expense	3,096 57
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	\$3,357 07

Forwarded

 \$94,736 45

Brought forward

\$94,736 45

SOLDIERS' BENEFITS

State Aid	\$156 00	
	<hr/>	\$156 00
Soldiers' Relief:		
Cash Aid	\$96 00	
Medical Aid	78 53	
	<hr/>	174 53
		<hr/>
		330 53

SCHOOLS

SCHOOLS

School Committee:		
Purchasing Agent	\$75 00	
Chairman	25 00	
Secretary	25 00	
Superintendents of Schools:		
Salary	1,190 00	
Clerk and Expenses	306 11	
Truant Officer, Salary	100 00	
Printing, Stationery, Postage	50 80	
Telephones	101 67	
Traveling Expense	119 53	
School Census	30 00	
Health:		
School Physician	300 00	
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Forwarded	\$2,323 11	\$95,066 98

Brought forward	\$2,323 11	\$95,066 38
School Nurse	648 00	
Dental Examinations	65 00	
Health Supplies	39 83	
Other Expenses:		
School Library	74 06	
Phys. Training Supervision	35 00	
Expenses of Principal	24 59	
Entertaining State Officers	10 50	
Office Furniture	34 50	
	<hr/>	\$3,254 59

TEACHERS' SALARIES

High (incl. Junior High)	\$11,661 52	
Elementary	13,355 21	
Retirement Fund:		
High	442 74	
Elementary	598 53	
	<hr/>	26,058 00

TEXT-BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

High:			
Books	\$488 53		
Supplies	1,231 65		
Elementary:			
Books	194 14		
Supplies	977 61		
	<hr/>	2,891 93	
		<hr/>	
Forwarded		\$32,204 52	\$95,066 98

Brought forward	\$32,204 52	\$95,066 98
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TRANSPORTATION

High	\$1,975 00	
Elementary	1,975 00	
	<hr/>	3,950 00

JANITOR SERVICE

High	\$750 00	
Elementary	1,730 00	
	<hr/>	2,480 00

FUEL AND LIGHT

High:		
Fuel	\$588 58	
Light	48 79	
Elementary:		
Fuel	1,360 83	
Light	69 55	
	<hr/>	2,067 75

MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

High:		
Repairs	\$1,035 92	
Janitor's Supplies	179 45	
Elementary:		
Repairs	2,111 98	
Janitor's Supplies	176 70	
	<hr/>	3,504 05

Forwarded	\$44,206 32	\$95,066 98
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Brought forward	\$44,206 32	\$95,066 98
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FURNITURE AND FURNISHINGS

High	\$59 93	
Elementary	78 64	
	<hr/>	138 57

OTHER EXPENSES

Diplomas and Graduating Ex.	\$21 60	
Miscellaneous Printing	32 25	
Freight, Express and Parcel Post	40 60	
Violin Outfits	103 65	
Drinking Water	85 20	
Trucking and Taxi Service	25 98	
Advertising	4 00	
	<hr/>	313 28

Payments from School Appropriation	\$44,658 17
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Receipts:

Tuition	\$90 00
Sale of Books and Supplies	8 00
Dog Tax	341 96
Net Expense	44,218 21
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	\$44,658 17

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL TUITION

Beverly Industrial School	\$276 50
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	276 50

Forwarded	\$44,934 67	\$95,066 98
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Brought forward	\$44,934 67	\$95,066 98
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SCHOOL HOUSE INSURANCE

Insurance	\$449 67	
	<hr/>	449 67
Total Payments School Division		<hr/> \$45,384 34

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Salaries and Wages:

Librarians	\$525 00	
Extra Clerical Work	280 83	
Janitor Service	40 08	
	<hr/>	\$845 91

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS

Books	\$1,304 20	
Periodicals	175 14	
	<hr/>	1,479 34

FUEL AND LIGHT

Fuel	\$22 75	
Light	18 96	
	<hr/>	41 71

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Repairs	\$545 14	
Furniture and Furnishings	668 67	
Janitor's Supplies	15 50	
Rent	283 50	
	<hr/>	1,512 81

Forwarded	<hr/> \$3,879 77	<hr/> \$140,451 32
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Brought forward	\$3,879 77	\$140,451 32
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OTHER EXPENSES

Stationery, Postage, etc.	\$13 35	
Express and Freight	28 62	
Insurance	146 75	
Library Cards and Supplies	38 85	
Baskets for Transporting Books	20 00	
P. O. Box Rent	1 40	
	<hr/>	248 97

Total Payments Library Appropriation	\$4,128 74
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Receipts:

Fire Insurance	\$1,500 00
Fines	34 63
Sale of Junk	4 17
Income Trust Funds	128 74
Net Expense	2,461 20
	<hr/>
	\$4,128 74

READING AND COMMUNITY ROOM

Repairs, Furniture and Furnishings	\$335 80	
	<hr/>	335 80
Total Payments Public Library Division	<hr/>	\$4,464 54
Forwarded		<hr/> \$144,913 86

Brought forward

\$144,913 86

RECREATION

PARKS

Pay Rolls	\$98 00		
Record Book	2 00		
	<hr/>	\$100 00	
Total Payments Recreation		<hr/>	\$100 00

UNCLASSIFIED

Memorial Day	\$211 00		
Town Clock	25 00		
Town Reports	349 50		
Soldiers' Memorial	5,088 83		
American Legion	250 00		
Boiler Insurance	37 76		
	<hr/>	\$5,962 09	
		<hr/>	5,962 09

CEMETERIES

Salaries and Wages:

Superintendent	\$583 50		
Labor	113 50		
Commissioners	45 00		
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Forwarded	\$742 00		\$150,977 95

Brought forward	\$742 00	\$150,977 95
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Other Expenses:

Teams	18 00
Sharpening Lawn Mowers	13 85
Repairing Pumps	13 07
Paint	4 50
Trees and Shrubs	1 00

Total Payments Cemetery Appropriation	\$792 42	
Payments for Care Endowed Lots	227 75	
Total Payments Cemetery Division	<u> </u>	1,020 17

INTEREST

Temporary Loans:

Anticipation of Revenue	\$1,683 13
Anticipation of Tuberculosis Hospital Loan	270 96

General Loans:

East School Loan	517 50
Tuberculosis Hospital Loan	403 75

	<u> </u>	\$2,875 34
Total Payments Interest	<u> </u>	2,875 34
Forwarded		<u> </u> \$154,873 46

Brought forward

\$154,873 46

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

Anticipation of Revenue

Loans \$80,000.00

Anticipation of Tubercu-

losis Hospital Loan 27,000 00

East School Bond 1,000 00

\$108,000 00

\$108,000 00

AGENCY AND TRUST

AGENCY

State Tax 1924 \$7,700 00

County Tax 1924 7,132 36

State Highway Tax 1924 1,375 84

State Audits 1924 153 33

\$16,361 53

TRUST

Investment of Perpetual

Care Funds \$100 00

Investment of Special Cem-

etry Fund 160 00

260 00

Total Payments Agency and Trust

\$16,621 53

Forwarded

\$279,494 99

Brought forward

\$279,494 99

REFUNDS

Civilian War Poll Tax to

State \$36 00

Auto Dealer's License (Re-

voked) 12 00

\$48 00

48 00

Total Payments for Year 1924

\$279,542 99

BALANCES

General Cash, 12/31/24 \$22,330 52

Dodge Fund Income 12/31/24 101 24

Allen Fund Income 12/31/24 32 43

\$22,464 19

\$22,464 19

\$302,007 18

RECAPITULATION OF DEPARTMENTAL EXPENSES YEAR 1924

	<i>Appropriation</i>	<i>Expended</i>	<i>Balance</i>
	1924	1924	<i>Unexpended</i>
Moderator	\$50 00	\$30 00	\$20 00
Finance Committee	25 00	8 50	16 50
Selectmen	1,100 00	1,008 42	91 58
Accounting	1,300 00	1,289 54	10 46
Treasury:			
Appropriation	\$900 00		
From Reserve	40 00		
	<hr/>		
	940 00	911 78	28 22
Collector	800 00	772 40	27 60
Assessors	2,000 00	1,992 62	7 38
Law	200 00	200 00	0 00
Town Clerk	650 00	647 55	2 45
Election and Registration	1,000 00	952 83	47 17
Town Hall:			
Appropriation	\$1,700 00		
From Reserve	300 00		
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	2,000 00	1,989 92	10 08
Town Hall Insurance	1,100 00	1,065 30	34 70
Police	2,200 00	2,096 19	103 81
Fire Department:			
Appropriation	\$1,500 00		
From Reserve	500 00		
From Reserve	800 00		
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	2,800 00	2,799 17	0 83

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New Fire Engine	7,750 00	7,750 00	0 00
Sealer	300 00	261 72	38 28
Moth Department	4,700 00	4,699 29	0 71
Tree Warden	800 00	790 57	9 43

Forest Warden:

Appropriation	\$65 00		
Refund	3 10		
	<hr/>	68 10	65 21
			2 89

Health:

Appropriation	\$1,600 00		
From Reserve	550 00		
	<hr/>	2,150 00	1,990 59
			159 41
Inspector of Animals	75 00	42 45	32 55
Highways	15,000 00	15,806 18	*806 18
Union Street Drainage	400 00	396 90	3 10
Special Highway	3,000 00	2,511 74	488 26
Miles River Road	1,000 00	1,000 00	0 00
Snow Removal	5,000 00	4,997 27	2 73
Street Lighting	6,600 00	6,457 34	142 66

Poor Department:

Appropriation	\$4,000 00		
Refund	7 00		
	<hr/>	4,007 00	3,357 07
			649 93
State Aid	300 00	156 00	144 00
Soldiers' Relief	300 00	174 53	125 47

*Overdraft.

Schools:

Appropriation	\$45,880 00			
Dog Tax	341 96			
	<hr/>	46,221 96	44,658 17	1,563 79
Industrial School Tuition		500 00	276 50	223 50
School House Insurance		450 00	449 67	0 33

Public Library:

Appropriation	\$4,000 00			
Inc. Trust Funds	128 74			
	<hr/>	4,128 74	4,128 74	0 00
Reading Room		500 00	335 80	164 20
Parks		100 00	100 00	0 00

Soldiers' Memorial:

Appropriation	\$5,000 00			
From Reserve	88 83			
	<hr/>	5,088 83	5,088 83	0 00

Memorial Day.

Appropriation	\$200 00			
From Reserve	11 00			
	<hr/>	211 00	211 00	0 00
Town Reports		350 00	349 50	0 50
Town Clock		50 00	25 00	25 00
American Legion		250 00	250 00	0 00
Boiler Insurance		50 00	37 76	12 24

Reserve Fund:

Appropriation	\$500 00			
	<hr/>	2,873 32	*2,289 83	583 49
Cemetery		800 00	792 42	7 58
Interest:				
Appropriation	\$3,600 00			
Refund	98 26			
Refund	4 34			
	<hr/>	3,702 60	2,875 34	827 26
Maturing Debt		1,000 00	1,000 00	0 00

TRANSFERS

RESERVE FUND

TRANSFERS BY FINANCE AND ADVISORY BOARD

TRANSFERS				APPROPRIATIONS	
1924				Jan. 1	Balance
Oct. 9	Treasury	\$40 00		Mar. 18	Appropriation
Oct. 9	Town Hall	300 00			500 00
Oct. 9	Fire Department	500 00			
Oct. 9	Health	550 00			
Oct. 9	Memorial Day	11 00			
Nov. 17	Soldiers' Memorial	88 83			
Nov. 17	Fire Department	800 00			
Dec. 31	Balance unexpended				
	(closed out)	583 49			
		<hr/>			<hr/>
		\$2,873 32			\$2,873 32

*Transfers.

TOWN OF HAMILTON

Balance Sheet, December 31, 1923

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Cash on hand		Outstanding Temporary Loans:	\$20,000 00
Accounts Receivable:		Anticipation of Revenue	
Taxes Levy of 1920	\$24 40	Anticipation of Tuberculosis Hospital Loan	8,000 00
Taxes Levy of 1921	56 00	Overlay for Abatement of Taxes:	
Taxes Levy of 1922	98 85	Levy of 1920	\$24 40
Taxes Levy of 1923	4,436 49	Levy of 1921	.5 06
Taxes Levy of 1924	17,587 01	Levy of 1922	98 85
		Levy of 1923	1,426 72
		Levy of 1924	1 05
Special Assessments:			1,556 08
Moth Levy of 1923	\$74 76	Special Assessment Revenue	
Moth Levy of 1924	284 57	(Outstanding Moth Assessment)	359 33
Commonwealth of Mass. (State Aid)		Appropriation Balances:	
Overdrawn Appropriations:		Special Highway	\$488 26
Highway	806 18	(Home St.)	
Loans Authorized and Unissued:		Reading and Community	164 20
Tuberculosis Hospital	8,000 00	Room	354 01
Real Estate Tax Titles	417 11	Interest	
		Surplus War Bonus Funds	1,006 47
		Dodge Fund Income	965 37
		Allen Fund Income	101 24
		Overlay Reserve	32 43
		Tailings Account	4,914 28
		Excess and Deficiency (Surplus)	42 81
			17,427 55
			\$54,405 56
	\$54,405 56		

DEBT ACCOUNT

Net Bonded Debt	\$30,000 00	East School Loan	\$11,000 00
		Tuberculosis Hospital Loan	19,000 00
	<u>\$30,000 00</u>		<u>\$30,000 00</u>

TRUST AND INVESTMENT FUNDS

Cash and Securities	\$10,461 30	Perpetual Care Funds	\$8,090 77
		Dodge Library Fund	1,000 00
		Allen Library Fund	500 00
	<u>\$10,461 30</u>	Special Cemetery Fund	870 53
			<u>\$10,461 30</u>

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

December 31, 1924

	Endowment	Jan. 1, 1924	Receipts 1924	Payments 1924	Balance Dec. 31, 1924
Abbott, M. K.	\$200 00	\$245 10	\$9 90	\$6 00	\$249 00
Allen, Albert F.	100 00	100 73	4 04	3 50	101 27
Allen, Dr. D. S.	300 00	460 47	18 58	9 00	470 05
Allen, Dr. Justin	100 00	102 85	4 12	3 50	103 47
Andrews, Horace E.	100 00	104 04	4 73	3 00	105 77
Austin, Delia	100 00	100 00	5 72	3 00	102 72
Ayers Fund	150 00	164 15	6 62	4 00	166 77
Bean, Ellen A.	100 00	109 34	4 40	3 50	110 24
Brown, Elizabeth S.	100 00	104 43	4 20	6 00	102 63
Burnham, Amos	100 00	109 57	4 40	3 50	110 47
Burnham, Choate	175 00	178 82	7 20	6 00	180 02
Butler, N. B.	100 00	102 56	4 64	4 50	102 70
Burton, F. J. and P. W.	100 00	106 67	4 84	3 50	108 01
Chadwick, Angeline	100 00	102 32	4 64	3 00	103 96
Cutler, Temple (new lot)	75 00	78 83	3 56	3 00	79 39
Cutler, Temple (old lot)	75 00	78 83	3 46	5 00	77 29
Dane, Ephraim A.	108 00	107 98	4 89	4 75	108 12
Dane, Francis	1,000 00	1,165 82	47 08	12 00	1,200 90
Dane, Jos. F.	100 00	101 46	4 59	4 00	102 05
Dane, Luther	100 00	108 24	4 36	3 50	109 10
Davenport, J. K.	100 00	102 64	2 12	4 00	100 76
Dodge, Edward W.	100 00	107 39	4 86	3 00	109 25
Dodge, H. Augusta	200 00	266 91	10 76	6 00	271 67
Dodge, James E.	100 00	109 98	4 97	3 50	111 45
Dodge, Joseph T.	100 00	106 38	4 28	3 50	107 16
Dufton, Jos. W.	100 00	106 81	4 84	4 00	107 65
Ellis, Emily	100 00	101 55	4 59	4 00	102 14
Fillebrown, H. K.	50 00	51 72	2 32	2 25	51 79
Gleason, William T.	100 00	111 54	4 48	3 50	112 52
Goodhue, Samuel G.	100 00	103 68	4 71	3 50	104 89

Graham, Charles E.	50 00	51 72	2 32	2 25	51 79
Hayes, Olivia E.	100 00	102 71	4 66	3 50	103 87
Haynes, George T.	100 00	103 60	4 16	3 50	104 26
Henry, Henry R.	75 00	77 71	3 51	3 00	78 22
Horne, Thomas	100 00	108 41	4 91	3 00	110 32
Kimball, Susan A.	150 00	157 79	7 15	12 00	152 94
Kinsman, Jacob	100 00	109 04	4 40	3 06	110 44
Knowlton, George K.	100 00	105 96	4 79	3 00	107 75
Knowlton, Isaac F.	200 00	214 18	9 75	5 00	218 93
Lovering, Jos. P.	100 00	104 70	4 75	3 50	105 95
Mason, Arthur	100 00	106 97	4 84	3 50	108 31
McNeil, Hattie	100 00	103 81	4 71	3 00	105 52
Patch, Emeline	100 00	106 83	4 84	3 00	108 67
Patch, Laura	100 00	104 90	4 75	3 00	106 65
Peterson, Charles A.	100 00	103 96	4 71	4 00	104 67
Preston, Thomas	100 00	101 22	4 59	5 00	100 81
Proctor, James	300 00	300 00	0 00	0 00	300 00
Roberts, Daniel	100 00	105 34	4 24	4 00	105 58
Safford, Daniel	100 00	101 31	4 08	3 50	101 89
Thayer, Samuel E.	100 00	102 71	4 66	3 00	104 37
Townsend, William E.	100 00	103 90	4 16	4 00	104 06
Tuttle, John	100 00	104 06	4 73	3 50	105 29
Whipple, Albert M.	100 00	101 38	4 59	5 00	100 97
Whipple, Emerson A.	100 00	101 55	4 59	3 00	103 14
Whipple, Hannah M.	100 00	104 06	4 20	4 00	104 26
Whipple, L. D.	100 00	107 58	4 32	3 00	108 90
Stone, D. D.	100 00	100 00	100 00		100 00
	<u>\$7,308 00</u>	<u>\$7,896 21</u>	<u>\$422 31</u>	<u>\$227 75</u>	<u>\$8,090 77</u>

Savings Bank Deposits at beginning of year
Savings Bank Deposits at end of year

RECEIPTS

Deposits for care
Interest

\$100 00
322 31
\$422 31

PAYMENTS

Care of Lots
Deposited in Savings Banks

\$227 75
194 56
\$422 31

\$7,896 21
8,090 77

INVESTMENT FUNDS

SPECIAL CEMETERY FUND

	Principal	Interest	Total
Savings Bank Deposits at beginning of year	\$680 00	\$7 95	\$687 95
Deposited in Savings Bank in 1924	160 00		160 00
Interest in 1924		22 58	22 58
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	\$840 00	\$30 53	\$870 53

PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS

December 31, 1924.

DR. JUSTIN ALLEN FUND

Savings Bank Deposits at beginning of year	\$500 00
Savings Bank Deposits at end of year	\$500 00

ALLEN FUND INCOME

INCOME		PAYMENTS	
Cash on hand Jan. 1,		Payments for books	\$58 74
1924 (in gen. cash)	\$68 42	Cash Dec. 31, 1924	
Interest	22 75	(in general cash)	32 43
	<hr/>		<hr/>
	\$91 17		\$91 17

H. AUGUSTA DODGE FUND

Savings Bank Deposits at beginning of year	\$1,000 00
Savings Bank Deposits at end of year	\$1,000 00

DODGE FUND INCOME

INCOME		PAYMENTS	
Cash on hand Jan. 1,		Payments for periodicals	\$70 00
1924 (in gen. cash)	\$125 74	Cash on hand Dec. 31,	
Interest	45 50	1924 (in gen. cash)	101 24
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	\$171 24		\$171 24

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE S. KNOWLTON,

Town Accountant.

TREASURER'S CASH

December 31, 1924

Cash on hand January 1, 1924	\$30,764 79	
Receipts in 1924	271,242 39	
	<hr/>	\$302,007 18
		<hr/>
Payments in 1924 (per warrants)	\$279,542 99	
Cash December 31, 1924	22,464 19	
	<hr/>	\$302,007 18
		<hr/>
Cash on hand December 31, 1924		\$22,464 19
Merchants National Bank, deposit	\$21,217 60	
Cash in office	1,246 59	
	<hr/>	\$22,464 19
		<hr/>
Merchants National Bank (check book)	\$21,217 60	
Outstanding checks (per list)	3,393 49	
	<hr/>	\$24,611 09
		<hr/>
Merchants National Bank, balance Dec. 31, 1924, statement		\$24,611 09

Yours respectfully,

ANNIE E. WOODBURY,

Treasurer.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATIONS
AND TAXATION**

DIVISION OF ACCOUNTS

REPORT OF AN AUDIT

OF

THE ACCOUNTS

OF THE

TOWN OF HAMILTON

FOR

The Year Ending DECEMBER 31, 1924

Made in accordance with the provisions of Section 35,
Chapter 44 General Laws

January 31, 1925

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTS

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATIONS AND TAXATION
DIVISION OF ACCOUNTS
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON

January 27, 1925.

To the Board of Selectmen,

MR. JONATHAN LAMSON, *Chairman,*
Hamilton, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:—

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the accounts of the Town of Hamilton for the year ending December 31, 1924, made in accordance with the provisions of Section 35, Chapter 44, of the General Laws. This report is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Edward H. Fenton, Chief Examiner of this Division, who was placed in charge of the work.

Very truly yours,

THEODORE N. WADDELL,
Director of Accounts.

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REPORT OF CHIEF EXAMINER

MR. THEODORE N. WADDELL,

Director of Accounts,

Department of Corporations and Taxation,

State House, Boston.

Sir:—

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the accounts of the Town of Hamilton for the year ending December 31, 1924, and submit the following report thereon:

The financial transactions of the town, as recorded on the books of the several departments, were checked and compared with the records in the accountant's office.

The surety bonds furnished by the department officials for the faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be in proper form.

The books and accounts of the Town Accountant were examined and checked. The records of receipts were compared with the Treasurer's books and with the records in the several departments collecting money for the town. The reported disbursements were checked with the treasury warrants authorizing the payments of money and with the Treasurer's cash book.

The appropriation accounts were examined and all appropriations, transfers, and loans authorized were checked to the Town Clerk's records.

The classification book was examined and checked with the payments on the appropriation accounts and with the record of receipts.

The ledger postings were checked and an analysis of the ledger was made. A balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on December 31, 1924.

The books and accounts of the Treasurer were examined and checked, the cash balance being verified by a reconciliation of the bank account with the statement furnished by the bank and by a count of the cash on hand. The receipts and payments were checked to the Accountant's books, and all footings were proved.

The trust funds in the custody of the Treasurer were examined, the income being proved and found to be recorded properly on the Accountant's books.

Tables showing a reconciliation of the cash and of the trust fund transactions are appended to this report.

The accounts of the Tax Collector were examined and checked. The collections were checked in detail to the commitment books and were compared with the payments as recorded in the Treasurer's books; the abatements were checked with the records of abatements granted by the Assessors; and the commitments were proved with the warrants. The outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled with the accountant's ledger. Verification notices were mailed to persons whose accounts appeared as unpaid on the collector's books, and from the replies received I believe that the accounts are correct.

Interest on taxes should be charged on collections made after November 1 of the year of the assessment, as required by Chapter 59, Section 57, General Laws.

Summary tables of the tax and assessment accounts are appended to this report.

The Town Clerk's record of dog and of fishing and hunting licenses issued were examined, and the payments to the State and the County were verified.

The records of receipts from licenses, library fines, hay scales, and from the Sealer of Weights and Measures were examined, and the reported payments to the Treasurer were checked with the Treasurer's and the Accountant's books.

It is recommended that the town officials notify the Accountant of any departmental bills sent out by them so as to have a record of the accounts receivable.

The balance sheet shows the town to be in good financial condition, but the surplus revenue is made up of uncollected taxes and does not represent unappropriated cash in the hands of the Treasurer. In order, therefore, for the town to take advantage of this surplus, it will be necessary to reduce the amount of outstanding taxes as shown by the books.

The reserve fund (overlay surplus) is a substantial amount and may be appropriated for an extraordinary purpose.

While engaged in making the audit, I received the usual co-operation from the several town officials, and on behalf of my assistants and for myself I wish to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

EDW. H. FENTON,
Chief Examiner.

RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH

Cash balance January 1, 1924	\$30,764 79	
Receipts 1924	271,242 39	
	<hr/>	\$302,007 18
Payments 1924	\$279,542 99	
Cash balance December 31, 1924	22,464 19	
	<hr/>	\$302,007 18
Cash balance December 31, 1924		\$22,464 19
Cash on hand December 31, 1924:		
In office (verified)	\$1,246 59	
In bank:		
Merchants National Bank (Salem)	21,217 60	
	<hr/>	\$22,464 19
Merchants National Bank, balance December 31, 1924, per check book	\$21,217 60	
Outstanding checks per list	3,393 49	
	<hr/>	\$24,611 09
Bank balance December 31, 1924, per bank statement		\$24,611 09

TAXES—1920

Outstanding January 1, 1924		\$63 60
Payments to Treasurer	\$38 40	
Abatements	80	
Outstanding December 31, 1924, per list	24 40	
	<hr/>	\$63 60

TAXES—1921

Outstanding January 1, 1924		\$181 82
Payments to Treasurer	\$85 82	
Abatements	40 00	
Outstanding December 31, 1924, per list	56 00	
	<hr/>	\$181 82

TAXES—1922

Outstanding January 1, 1924	\$445 71	
Abatement rescinded	85	
	<hr/>	\$446 56
Payments to Treasurer	\$257 96	
Abatements	89 75	
Outstanding December 31, 1924, per list	98 85	
	<hr/>	\$446 56

TAXES—1923

Outstanding January 1, 1924	\$17,951 29	
Overpayment to Treasurer	2 10	
	<hr/>	\$17,953 39
Payments to Treasurer	\$13,301 12	
Abatements	196 88	
Transferred to Tax Title account	18 90	
Outstanding December 31, 1924, per list	4,436 49	
	<hr/>	\$17,953 39

TAXES—1924

Commitment	\$107,215 36	
Additional commitment	22 05	
Excess abatement	1 05	
	<hr/>	\$107,238 46
Payments to Treasurer	\$88,290 91	
Abatements	1,360 54	
Outstanding December 31, 1924, per list	17,587 01	
	<hr/>	\$107,238 46

MOTH ASSESSMENTS—1922

Outstanding January 1, 1924	\$17 40
Payments to Treasurer	\$17 40

MOTH ASSESSMENTS—1923

Outstanding January 1, 1924		\$345 41
Payments to Treasurer	\$270 65	
Outstanding December 31, 1924, per list	74 76	
	<hr/>	\$345 41

MOTH ASSESSMENTS—1924

Commitment		\$1,289 53
Payments to Treasurer	\$1,004 96	
Outstanding December 31, 1924, per list	284 57	
	<hr/>	\$1,289 53

DR. JUSTIN ALLEN—LIBRARY FUND

		Savings	
	Cash	Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year	*\$68 42	\$500 00	\$568 42
On hand at end of year	*\$32 43	\$500 00	\$532 43

RECEIPTS

Income	\$22 75
Cash on hand at beginning of year	*\$68 42
Total	\$91 17

PAYMENTS

Transferred to library	\$58 74
Cash on hand at end of year	*32 43
Total	\$91 17

*In general cash

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H. A. DODGE LIBRARY FUND

	Cash	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year	*\$125 74	\$1,000 00	\$1,125 74
On hand at end of year	*\$101 24	\$1,000 00	\$1,101 24
RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Income	\$45 50	Transferred to library	\$70 00
Cash on hand at be- ginning of year	*125 74	Cash on hand at end of year	*101 24
Total	\$171 24	Total	\$171 24

*In general cash.

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

		Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year		\$7,896 21	\$7,896 21
On hand at end of year		\$8,090 77	\$8,090 77
RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Income	\$322 31	Deposited in savings	
Bequest	100 00	bank	\$194 56
Total	\$422 31	Expended for care of lots	227 75
		Total	\$422 31

CEMETERY SPECIAL FUND

		Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year		\$687 95	\$687 95
On hand at end of year		\$870 53	\$870 53
RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Income	\$22 58	Deposited in savings	
Sale of lots	160 00	bank	\$182 58
Total	\$182 58	Total	\$182 58

TOWN OF HAMILTON

BALANCE SHEET—DECEMBER 31, 1924

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets

Cash:

In bank and office	\$22,464 19
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Accounts Receivable:

Taxes:

Levy of 1920	\$24 40
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Levy of 1921	56 00
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Levy of 1922	98 85
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Levy of 1923	4,436 49
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Levy of 1924	17,587 01
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	22,202 75
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Tax Titles

	417 11
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Special Assessments:

Moth 1923	\$74 76
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Moth 1924	284 57
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	359 33
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Due from State:

State Aid	156 00
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Overdrawn Account:

Highway	806 18
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Loans authorized	8,000 00
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	\$54,405 56
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Liabilities

Temporary Loans:

In anticipation of revenue	\$20,000 00
Essex County Tuberculosis Hospital	8,000 00
Tailings Account	42 81
Dodge Library Fund Income	101 24
Allen Library Fund Income	32 43
Surplus War Bonus Fund	965 37

Unexpended Balances:

Special Highway	\$488 26	
Reading Room at Town Hall	164 20	
Interest	354 01	
	<hr/>	1,006 47

Overlays (reserved for abatements):

Levy of 1920	\$24 40	
Levy of 1921	5 06	
Levy of 1922	98 85	
Levy of 1923	1,426 72	
Levy of 1924	1 05	
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Reserve Fund (Overlay Surplus)		4,914 28
Special Assessment Revenue		359 33
Surplus Revenue		17,427 55
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		\$54,405 56

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	\$30,000 00
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	\$30,000 00
East Schoolhouse Loan	\$11,000 00
Essex County Tuberculosis Hospital Loan	19,000 00
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	\$30,000 00

TRUST FUND ACCOUNTS

Cash and Securities:

Trust Funds	\$9,590 77
Investment Fund	870 53
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	\$10,461 30
Dr. Justin Allen Library Fund	\$500 00
H. A. Dodge Library Fund	1,000 00
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	8,090 77
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	\$9,590 77
Cemetery Special Funds	870 53
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	\$10,461 30

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

BIRTHS RECORDED

1924

- Jan. 11 Ernest Bradstreet, son of
Melville S. and Lilla (Bradstreet) Day.
- Jan. 14 Oliver Fred, son of
Oliver W. and Gertrude (Haskell) Anderson.
- Jan. 27 Ida Betty, daughter of
Winslow B. and Maude (Mugridge) Dodge.
- Feb. 9 Madeline Emma, daughter of
Charles R. and Helen (Remon) Appleton.
- Mar. 17 John, son of
John F. and Agnes (Kirby) Turner.
- Apr. 28 Amelia May Louise, daughter of
Edward H. and Myrtle (Southwick) Frederick.
- Apr. 30 Charlotte Mabel, daughter of
Lester F. and L. Hazel (Berry) Stanley.
- May 25 Florence May, daughter of
George A. and Sarah (Hill) Schneider.
- June 5 Barbara, daughter of
Frederick M. and Grace (Miller) Marks.
- July 9 Robert Gordon, Jr., son of
Robert G. and Minnie (Sewell) Martin.
- July 13 Thomas Patrick, son of
Thomas William and Katherine (Duffy) Adams.
- July 19 John Vincent, son of
Isaac John and Katherine (Madigan) McParland.
- Aug. 3 Carl Hilding, son of
Carl H. and Ruth (Leet) Fyrberg.

- Aug. 4 John Joseph, Jr., son of
John J. and Helen B. (Murray) Cullity.
- Aug. 19 Ralph Lawrence, son of
Roy E. and May (Gemmell) Varnum.
- Aug. 23 Luigi Attilio, son of
Angelo and Luigia (Moretto) DePiero.
- Aug. 25 David Quinton, son of
B. Harrison and Mary T. (Flanagan) Greely.
- Sept. 13 Sally, daughter of
Harold and Lydia (Preston) Porter.
- Sept. 21 Robert Stewart, son of
Arthur E. and Bertha E. (Lord) Morrow.
- Sept. 25 ————, daughter of
Robert R. and Feroline (Perkins) Wallack.
- Sept. 25 Barbara Edith, daughter of
Leonard and Florence (Mortimer) Davison.
- Sept. 28 Betsy, daughter of
Thomas and Tirzah (Handy) Walton.
- Oct. 18 Edward Albert, son of
Lester T. and Marion (Gates) Tompkins.
- Oct. 31 Milton Howard, son of
Howard and M. Esther (Pierce) Lougee.
- Nov. 4 Doris Eva, daughter of
Harold and Myrtle (Ruce) Johnson.
- Nov. 6 Edward Osgood, son of
Frank E. and Adelaide O. (Courtis) Manthorn.
- Nov. 20 Harcourt 3rd, son of
Harcourt and Susannah S. (Wood) Amory.
- Dec. 10 Dana Proctor, son of
Leon Smith and Florence (Schaller) Perkins.
- Dec. 30 Robert Henry 2nd, son of
Robert H., Jr., and Mabel (Batchelder) Chittick.

MARRIAGES RECORDED

Alexander M. MacDonald, Jr., of Hamilton,
Mamie Granger of Boston.

Lester Foster Stanley of Beverly,
Lottie Hazel Berry of Hamilton.

Timothy Kelliher of Hamilton,
Margaret Sullivan of Boston.

Raymond E. Hamlin of Rowley,
Annie S. Kinsella of Rowley.

Charles H. Berry of Hamilton,
Abbie M. Caverly of Hamilton.

Gordon C. Prince of Boston,
Anna Agassiz of Boston.

Hugh E. Duran of Hamilton,
Catherine L. Egan of Beverly.

Leverett W. Campbell of Hamilton,
Helen F. Brumby of Hamilton.

Francis H. Sweeney of Lowell,
Ada M. Hathaway of Hamilton.

Ernest P. Tuck of Hamilton,
Laurette LeBlanc of Lac Frontier, P. Q., Canada.

Harold F. Heald of Somerville,
Ruth A. Skinner of Hamilton.

Arthur A. Kelly of Lowell,
Florence E. Hathaway of Hamilton.

Jerome F. Flynn of Wenham,
Frances D. McDonah of Hamilton.

Emile O. Banville of Salem,
Isabelle Chludzenski of Hamilton.

Marcus N. Babcock of Hamilton,
Vernetta Doris Rutledge of Hamilton.

Norman L. Day of Hamilton,
Josephine Burnham of Essex.

Harold W. Fowler of Hamilton,
Adelaide Norton of Salem.

Marshall Woodberry of Beverly,
Anna Christina Connaughton of Beverly.

Thomas Stephen Coughlan of Lynnfield,
Eily M. Kinsella of Wenham.

Clarence Ellis Albert of Medford,
Doris Drake of Medford.

Russell B. Grant of Hamilton,
Dorothy F. Kelley of Hamilton.

John R. Chisholm of Hamilton,
Mary L. Duran of Wenham.

Edward P. Barrett of Wolfeboro, N. H.,
Pearl M. McGlaulin of Hamilton.

DEATHS RECORDED

1924			Yrs.	Mos.	Days
Jan.	9	Sarah M. Gorham	85	11	
Jan.	20	Hannah J. Kinsman	75	11	29
Feb.	21	Edward Russell	66	0	4
Mar.	9	Chester H. Kirby	4	5	14
Mar.	10	John W. Ramsdell	54	2	13
Apr.	12	Ellen McDonnell	78		
Apr.	12	Charles Smith	50		
Apr.	16	Alfred Clemeno	0	9	
Apr.	17	Albert E. Potter	59		2
July	2	Otis N. Chase	91	8	11
July	9	Joseph E. B. Lovering	66		20
July	25	Delia Smith	56		
Aug.	16	Adelbert H. Ward	76	5	29
Sept.	5	Sarah M. Davis	87	6	22
Sept.	17	Theodore S. Bumbus	2	6	1
Sept.	21	Philip E. Haskell	79		
Oct.	10	John Doherty	17	5	4
Oct.	20	Mary E. Murray	69	7	10
Nov.	2	Mary E. Fielding	42	5	13
Nov.	22	Ella F. Day	67	0	16
Dec.	6	Willard C. Ware	74	1	21
Dec.	8	Doris Eva Johnson	0	1	4
Dec.	9	Allan B. Adams	69	2	12
Dec.	29	Frederick Kilham	55	2	9

BROUGHT INTO TOWN

Died

1924

May	2	Walter F. Witherill
June	29	Gertrude I. Trainor
Sept.	16	Caroline Missler
Dec.	28	Robert Foss

REGISTRATION

The Registers of Voters met for registration of voters as follows:

Three meetings at Engine House, South Hamilton.

Four meetings at the Town Hall.

At these meetings the registration was as follows:

Male 75

Female 60

Total 135

Total number of voters at close of registration as follows:

Men 482

Women 401

883

DOG LICENSES

Male	100	@	\$2.00	\$200 00
Female	29	@	5.00	145 00
Breeder's	2	@	50.00	100 00
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Total receipts				\$445 00
Less fees				26 20
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Paid Essex County				\$418 80

HUNTING, FISHING AND TRAPPING LICENSES

Combination	39	@	\$2.00	\$78 00
Hunting	48	@	1.50	72 00
Fishing	10	@	1.00	10 00
Trapping	4	@	.25	1 00

Total receipts	\$161 00
Less fees	20 15

Paid Commonwealth	\$140 85
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OTHER LICENSES

Junk	2	@	\$50.00	\$100 00
Motor Vehicle (agency)	2	@	12.00	24 00
Oleo	3	@	.50	1 50

Paid Town Treasurer	\$75 50
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TOWN MEETINGS

There were two town meetings in 1924 as follows:

Annual Town Meeting, March 11, 1924.

Special Town Meeting, August 11, 1924.

Appropriations were as follows:

At Annual Town Meeting:

From Revenue \$124,152.51

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE S. KNOWLTON,

Town Clerk.

REPORT OF THE ASSESSORS

Value of buildings	\$1,477,475 00	
Value of land	2,890,700 00	
Value of real estate	<hr/>	\$4,368,175 00
Value of personal estate		679,895 00
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Total valuation		\$5,048,070 00
Tax on real estate	\$91,731 72	
Tax on personal estate	14,277 64	
Tax on polls	1,206 00	
Total tax levy	<hr/>	\$107,215 36
Moth assessment		1,289 53
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Total commitment		\$108,504 89
Rate per thousand	\$21 00	
Number of horses	217	
“ “ cows	157	
“ “ neat cattle	18	
“ “ swine	16	
“ “ fowl	3,075	
“ “ dwellings	871	
“ “ acres of land	8,781	
“ “ residents on property	759	
“ “ all others	61	
“ “ residents assessed	820	
“ “ non-residents assessed	450	
“ “ all other	65	
“ “ non-residents (total)	515	
“ “ polls only	35	
Total number assessed	1,370	

EXPENDITURES

Town appropriations, 1924	\$124,152 51	
State tax	7,700 00	
State Highway Tax	1,375 84	
State Audit	153 33	
County Tax	7,132 36	
Tuberculosis Hospital Maintenance	1,109 59	
Overlay	1,359 95	
Total Expenditures	<hr/>	\$142,983 58

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Income Tax, 1924	\$22,870 22	
Income Tax, Prior Years	700 00	
Corporation Tax	8,000 00	
National Bank Tax	150 00	
Street Railway Tax	140 00	
Licenses	50 00	
Special Assessment (Moth)	1,200 00	
General Government	100 00	
Protection of Life and Property	100 00	
Charities	250 00	
Soldiers' Benefits	198 00	
Public Library	1,510 00	
Interest Deposits	300 00	
Interest Taxes	200 00	
Total Estimated Receipts	<hr/>	\$35,768 22

SUMMARY

Total Amount to be raised		\$142,983 58
Total Estimated Receipts	\$35,762 22	
603 Polls @ \$2.00	1,206 00	
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Assessed Valuation \$5,048,070.00 @ \$21		\$106,009 36
603 Polls @ \$2.00		1,206 00
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Total Taxes		\$107,215 36
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Total Commitment		\$108,504 89

GEORGE H. GIBNEY,
 GEORGE E. SAFFORD,
 JESSE S. MANN,

Assessors.

REPORT OF FIRE ENGINEERS

Hamilton. Mass., Jan. 1, 1925.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen: We wish to submit the tenth annual report of the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department, for the year ending December 31, 1924.

The past year has been one of notable changes. There has been added to the department a Seagrave 350-gal. Pumping Engine with necessary equipment, including 1000 feet of hose. It has been necessary to use this only twice, but both times, once in Hamilton and again in Wenham, it has proven its value should the occasion require the use of a pumping engine.

Water Protection: We recommend the appointment of a committee of three: the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, and the third to be named by the Moderator, to consider the question of Water Protection, and that the sum of three hundred dollars be appropriated for their use in carrying on their investigation. Real fire protection means first, water protection. The Grading Schedule assigns 1,700 points or 34 per cent, to the water system. Without water a fire having a good start is unconquerable as long as there is material to burn. The supply must be unfailing, in sufficient volume to subdue a minor conflagration and it must have sufficient pressure to reach the fire effectively. The only system which received credit with the underwriters is a hydrant system.

The first thing to look into is the need of the Town. A preliminary rough survey should consider the following points: (a) domestic consumption; (b) fire protection; what sources are available, what kind of water, and what will be the future demand and how will it be met? A standard fire system is one throwing

250 gallons per minute through a one and one-eighth inch nozzle, and a right system should have a fire flow of 1000 gallons per minute over the regular average consumption use.

We recommend the purchase of 1000 feet of hose, same type as purchased in 1924, and have added the sum of \$1,250.00 to the regular appropriation to cover this item. The value of wax and gum treated hose has been proven; other types must be hung in towers to thaw and dry out in cold weather.

We find that total insurance carried is only \$7,500.00: building \$6,000; contents, \$1,500. We recommend a total of \$16,500: building, \$10,000; contents, \$6,000, and so include in budget \$700 for premiums.

Our budget asked for totals as follows:

Regular expenses	\$2,500
Insurance premiums	700
Repairs apparatus	600
New hose	1,250
Expenses contingent to accident	4,000
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Total	\$9,050

The Hamilton-Wenham Branch of the Red Cross have presented to the department a stretcher and first-aid emergency kit, for which the thanks of the town and department are extended.

Records of fires for 1924 are herewith appended.

ALARMS, 1924

Date	Dist.	In	Out	Owner	Street	Description
Jan. 22	23	9.50-10.00	A. M.	Maxwell Norman	Main	Grass
22	21	11.25-11.45	A. M.	A. C. Burrage, Jr. (Thos. Baldwin)	Main	Chimney
24	21	2.35- 3.30	P. M.	Jonathan Brown	Main	Roof
Feb. 13	3-3	9.10- 9.50	P. M.	Wenham		
Mar. 13	21	5.25-11.05	A. M.	H. & W. Grange	R. R. Ave.	2-story building, total loss
14	21	12.20-12.35	A. M.	H. & W. Grange	R. R. Ave.	Ruins smouldering
16	21	6.50- 7.10	P. M.	L. H. Malcolm (Danvers)	Asbury	Ford coupe, damage slight
23	25	4.55- 5.30	P. M.	Nathan Mathews	Farms Road	Brush
29	15	12.07- 1.20	P. M.	F. R. Denis	Echo Cove	Old building destroyed
Apr. 5	21	9.22- 9.32	A. M.	Elmer Pope	Walnut	Grass
7	13	8.22- 8.47	A. M.	Gertrude Knowlton	Essex	Electric wires
12	14	4.30- 5.03	P. M.	——— Hearn	Essex	Grass
14	24	3.00- 5.30	P. M.	Gardner estate	Gardner	Brush
14	34	3.05- 5.30	P. M.	Frederick Winthrop	Highland	Grass and brush
13	S	3.50- 4.00	P. M.	A. C. Burrage, Jr. (Thos. Baldwin)	Main	Grass, locomotive
17	25	11.53-12.53	Noon	Francis Appleton	Farms Road	Grass
17	13	3.33- 4.22	P. M.	——— Mears (?)	School	Grass

Date	Dist.	In	Out	Owner	Street	Description
May 28	3-3	12.15-	12.20	A. M.		
30	24	3.04-	3.50	P. M.	Wenham Neck	
June 2	23	6.35-	7.45	P. M.	W. W. Bancroft	Brush
5	S	9.25-	9.40	A. M.	Meris of N. H.	Truck and furniture
July 3	S	12.15-	12.35	A. M.	Miss Seavey	Automobile
3	14	9.20-	9.50	P. M.	A. W. Chandler	Rubbish
3	32	10.50-	11.10	P. M.	?	Grass
17	21	1.18-	3.20	P. M.	George Burroughs	Barn destroyed, incendiary
					A. C. Burrage, Jr.	Barn destroyed, lightning
					(Thos. Baldwin)	
Aug. 2	24	2.43-	3.20	P. M.	T. A. Moynihan	Grass
13	14	3.50-	4.12	P. M.	Appleton's Filling Sta.	Automobile
Sept. 19	31	9.10-	9.37	A. M.	—— Kane	Grass
30	23	11.33-	12.55	Noon	Franklin Bell	Chimney
Oct. 18	23	5.20-	5.50	P. M.	J. A. Gaffey	House
19	23	7.04-	7.36	P. M.	J. B. Moulton	Chimney
Nov. 1	31	5.04-	5.10	P. M.	Colonial Garage	Automobile destroyed
1	21	7.10-	8.30	P. M.	Eben Hurlburt	Grass
8	13	9.27-	10.25	A. M.	T. A. Moynihan	Brush
9	S	11.30-	12.00	A. M.	L. M. Whipple	Brush, hot ashes
11	31	4.50-	5.15	P. M.	Eben Hurlburt	Brush
16	3-3	9.04-	10.25	P. M.	Essex	False alarm

Date	Dist.	In	Out	Owner	Street	Description
17	3-3	8.16	12.30 P. M.	Wenham-Princemere		Woods
Dec. 22	21	9.35	11.00 P. M.	A. C. Burrage, Jr. (Thos. Baldwin)	Main	Barn destroyed, lantern
29	3-3	7.45-	9.10 P. M.	Wenham-Princemere		House

Respectfully submitted,

CHESTER H. KNOWLES,
HARRY R. MCGREGOR,
LESTER M. WHIPPLE,
FRANK DANE,
RODNEY H. ADAMS.

REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

To the Selectmen of the Town of Hamilton:

DEAR SIRS: The following is the report of the Cemetery Commissioners for the year 1924.

The work started last year on the front of the cemetery has been completed by Mrs. Alice A. Meyer by planting trees and shrubs.

The Commissioners have cleared of trees and bushes about two acres in the new part of the cemetery, have built over a part of the boundary wall and done other general work.

The Perpetual Care Funds amount to \$8,090.77 and the Special Cemetery Fund amounts to \$870.53.

We recommend an appropriation of \$800.00.

Yours respectfully,

GEORGE H. GIBNEY,
FRANCIS C. NORTON,
ADALIZA C. ROBERTS,

Cemetery Commissioners.

REPORT OF THE PARK COMMISSION

Hamilton, Mass.

To the Citizens of Hamilton:

For the past few eyars the Park Commission has asked for an appropriation large enough only to keep Central Park mowed and to make minor improvements. In doing this the thought has been to practice as much economy as was consistent with maintaining a neat appearance; also to provide the children of the neighborhood with a playground. The Park has been used considerably as a playground, although it became necessary to prohibit the playing of golf there, since that proved to be a menace to safety and to property.

Central Park is now in good condition. The grass has been kept short from the street to the top of the hill; the undergrowth has been cleared away on the slope of the hill facing Butler's Pond; and two permanent painted benches have been put up. The view from the brow of the hill is pleasant, and the Park is an attractive resting place on a warm summer's day.

We believe that we are justified in asking for a larger appropriation this year than in the past in order that we may make further improvements. At present the Park can hardly be distinguished from the adjacent pieces of property. We feel that a hedge and perhaps a little shrubbery or a few flowers might add to its appearance.

The slope towards the Pond also is capable of considerable development. It is now very difficult to reach Butler's Pond

except by crossing Mr. Norman's property, since the approach from the street end of the Pond is so steep, and in the winter especially, so slippery. This Pond is the only available skating place in this vicinity, and we believe that it is desirable to provide better access to it.

We have talked with the Town Counsel and with the Selectmen and through them spoken to the Memorial Committee regarding Soldiers' Green and the Soldiers' Memorial. All are agreed that it is desirable that the Park Commission be granted custody of the Green and the Memorial. We have included in the amount we have asked to have appropriated to us this year a sum large enough to maintain these, provided the Town sees fit to turn them over to us.

Respectfully submitted,

PERCIVAL D. WHIPPLE, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

There has been a great change in the method of handling the Highway Department this year. A Surveyor of Highways was chosen at the last Annual Town Meeting, who took full charge of this department as he was authorized by law to do, agreeable to Chap. 41, Sec. 62 of the General Laws as follows:

“Chapter 41, Section 62 of the General Laws.

“If a Highway Surveyor be chosen, he shall have the exclusive control of the ordinary repairs of public ways in his town without being subject to the authority of the Selectmen. . . .”

The special appropriations voted under our direction at the Annual Town meeting were carried out according to our best judgment under the circumstances, with the exception of the sidewalk on Home Street. In regard to sidewalk on Home Street, we found the lines of this street not clearly defined, but we have now established the lines of this street and filed a plan of same in the clerk's office and upon acceptance of same by the town, this work can be carried out next year, as there is a balance of this appropriation of \$488.26 for this purpose.

Owing to the dangerous condition of some parts of our highway, the Selectmen on August 25, 1924, voted authorizing the Surveyor of Highway to incur an overdraft in this department to correct said condition. For this purpose the sum of \$806.18 was expended.

On recommendation of the Board of Fire Engineers we voted to indemnify, in part, those members of the Fire Department who incurred expenses and sustained damages while in the discharge of their duties on their way to a fire at the Moulton estate on Oct. 18, 1924, resulting from a collision of the fire truck with

an automobile on Main Street, as provided for in section 100, Chapter 41 of the General Laws.

Under Article 5 the Town voted to lay a drain on Union Street from Railroad Avenue to Hamilton Avenue. This work has been done at an expense of \$396.90, the appropriation being \$400.00.

The Guard Rails along the Highways of the Town are in a deplorable condition and we recommend that something be done to put them in good condition.

We also recommend the purchase of some type of flashing beacon to be located at dangerous street corners in the Town. There will be one or more types displayed through the Town before Town Meeting for your approval.

Yours respectfully,

JONATHAN LAMSON,
ARTHUR C. CUMMINGS,
EDWARD A. DEWITT,

Board of Selectmen.

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

*Essex, ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of
Hamilton,*

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hamilton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in said town on Tuesday the tenth **day** of March, nineteen hundred twenty-five (March 10, 1925) at fifteen minutes before six in the forenoon (5.45 o'clock A. M.), then and there to act on the following articles, viz.:

ARTICLE 1. To bring in your ballots for:

Moderator, for one year.

Town Clerk, for one year.

Three Selectmen, for one year.

Overseers of Poor, and Board of Health, three for one year.

One Assessor, for three years.

Treasurer for one year.

Tax Collector, for one year.

Tree Warden, for one year.

Three Constables, for one year.

One Library Trustee, for three years.

One Cemetery Commissioner, for three years.

One Park Commissioner, for three years.

One member of the School Committee, for three years.

One Surveyor of Highways, for one year.

And to vote on the following:

Shall license be granted for the sale of certain non-intoxicating beverages? Yes or No.

All on one ballot.

The polls will open at fifteen minutes before six in the morning (5.45 a. m.) and will close at one o'clock in the afternoon (1 o'clock p. m.). After the close of the polls the remaining articles of the warrant shall be acted upon.

ARTICLE 2. To choose and appoint all other town officers in such manner as the town shall determine.

ARTICLE 3. To hear the report of the town officers and of the Finance and Advisory Committee and other committees and take any action thereon.

ARTICLE 4. To raise and appropriate money for Schools, Highways and all town expenses and determine the manner of expending the same.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$806.18 to cover the overdraft in the Highway Department.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to hold in trust exclusively for the A. P. Gardner Post No. 194 American Legion's Building Fund, until such time as the Post requires it to complete its memorial home, the Town's proportion of the surplus funds collected in part from the cities and towns, by the State, to provide suitable recognition of those residents of Massachusetts who served in the army and navy during the war with Germany, and refunded and paid to the Town by virtue of Chapter 480 of the Acts and Resolves of 1924, or take any action thereon as petitioned for by the A. P. Gardner Post No. 194 of the American Legion.

ARTICLE 7. To see what action the Town will take towards appointing a committee, to be composed of the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Chief Engineer of the Fire Department and one member to be named by the Moderator, to consider the ques-

tion of water for Fire Protection and that the sum of three hundred (\$300.00) dollars to be appropriated for their use in carrying out their investigation, as petitioned for by the Board of Fire Engineers.

ARTICLE 8. To see what action the Town will take towards building a cistern for fire purposes at the corner of Hamilton Avenue and Union Street and appropriate the sum of eight hundred (\$800.00) dollars for same.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to accept Plum Street, so called, as laid out by the Selectmen and as per plan on file in the Town Clerk's office and appropriate the sum of fifteen hundred (\$1,500.00) dollars to construct the same as petitioned for by Elmo O. Adams and others.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to accept Chestnut Street, so called, from the end of the present accepted street to the Wenham line towards Walnut Street, as laid out by the Selectmen and as per plan on file in the Town Clerk's office, and appropriate the sum of fifteen hundred (\$1,500.00) dollars to construct same, as petitioned for by Willard O. J. Martin and others.

ARTICLE 11. To see what action the Town will take towards grading and gravelling Grant Avenue and to appropriate a sum of money for same, as petitioned for by George Bunce and others.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will accept Home Street as laid out by the Selectmen and as shown on a plan filed with the Town Clerk and take by purchase or eminent domain the land necessary therefor, and appropriate the sum of one hundred fifty (\$150.00) dollars therefor, or take any action thereon.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to build a sidewalk on the northerly side of Railroad Avenue, between Union and Lois Street and appropriate a sum of money for the same, as petitioned for by Rev. J. J. O'Hearn and others.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to repair Guard Rails along the Highways of the Town and place street signs where necessary and appropriate a sum of money for same.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to purchase some type of flashing traffic beacons and appropriate a sum of money for same.

ARTICLE 16. To see what action the Town will take towards building a catch basin near the residence of Nancy Haskell on Rust Street and connect the same by drain with a catch basin on Willow Street, as petitioned for by Charles A. Smerage and others.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to install one street light at the corner of Railroad Avenue and Lois Street and appropriate a sum of money for same, as petitioned for by John J. Rhodes and others.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will install three additional street lights on Highland Street near the estate of Mrs. Grace T. Davidson and appropriate a sum of money for the same.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of two hundred fifty (\$250.00) dollars for the use of the Augustus Peabody Gardner Post No. 194, American Legion, or take any action thereon, as petitioned for by Finlay D. MacDonald and others.

ARTICLE 20. To hear the report of the Soldiers' Memorial Committee and take any action thereon.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will give the Park Commissioners the care and custody of the Soldiers' Memorial and Green or take any other action thereon.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to build a piece of permanent highway and appropriate a sum of money for same or take any action thereon.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow during the municipal year beginning January 1, 1926, in anticipation of the revenue of said municipal year, such sums of money as may be necessary to meet the current expenses of the town, giving the note or notes of the town therefor. Any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from revenue of said municipal year.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will authorize the collector to use all means of collecting taxes which a Town Treasurer, when appointed Collector, may use agreeable to Chapter 41, Section 37, of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 25. To act on any other matter that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall and one at each of the three postoffices in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this 9th day of February, A. D. 1925.

JONATHAN LAMSON,
ARTHUR C. CUMMINGS,
EDWARD A. DEWITT,

Selectmen of Hamilton.

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Hamilton, Mass., February, 1925.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen: I wish to submit my annual report of the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1924.

Whole number of arrests during the year, fifteen, divided as follows:

Male	15
Adults	12
Minors	3
Native Born	13
Foreign Born	2
Residents	2
Non-residents	13

OFFENSES

Drunkenness and disturbing peace	7
Bastardy	1
Drunkenness	4
Contempt of Court	1
Violation of automobile law	2

DISPOSITION

Fined and paid	7
Thirty days in house of correction (suspended)	1
Appeals	1
Released	3
Drunkenness cases filed	3

SUPERIOR COURT

Cases on docket

2

ARRESTS MADE BY OFFICERS

Arthur Southwick	7
Alvin L. Perley	4
Fred F. Stillings	2
Frank Dever	2

OFFICERS' ATTENDANCE AT COURT

Arthur Southwick	20
Alvin L. Perley	4
Frank Dever	5
Fred F. Stillings	2
Oscar A. Wood	1

COMPLAINTS INVESTIGATED

Arthur Southwick	152
Fred F. Stillings	3
Oscar A. Wood	4
Alvin L. Perley	28
Frank Dever	100
Charles H. Smith	3

Automobile licenses and registrations revoked or suspended during year 1924 in Hamilton by Frank A. Goodwin, Registrar of Motor Vehicles:

Licenses revoked	3
Licenses suspended	6
Registrations revoked	4

Number of motor vehicle accidents in Hamilton, where persons were injured, during the year 1924, reported to police	8
Number of motor vehicle accidents in Hamilton during the year 1924, property damage only, reported to police	32

HOURS OF DUTY PERFORMED BY OFFICERS

Southwick	1595
Dever	447
Perley	415
Stillings	349
Haraden	178½
Wood	115
W. F. Dodge	74
Fifield	47
Saunders	31
Keefe	16
Varnum	12
Smith	9
Duran	5
Leroy Dodge	0

MISCELLANEOUS

Automobiles reported stolen	19
Automobiles found and recovered	7
Bicycles reported stolen	13
Bicycles found and recovered	2
Other property reported lost or stolen, value about	\$5,556
Other property found and recovered, value about	\$515
Complaints received	320
Complaints investigated	290
Fires extinguished	7
Buildings found open	6
Disturbances	23
Dogs reported lost	23
Dogs found and returned to owners	9
Dogs killed	4
Children reported lost and found	7
Itinerant persons ordered to leave town	31
Lights reported out	129

Summons served for out-of-town officers	15
Dangerous wires reported or removed	10
Obstructions removed	12
Accidents reported	41
Accidents resulting in death	
Persons received assistance	38
Police assistance to out-of-town officers	7
Police assistance by out-of-town officers	7
Court attendance for 1924	32
Report to Prison Commission	1
Report to Highway Commission	16
Letters, postal cards and circulars received about	451
Letters, postal cards and notices sent out, about	152
Persons held on suspicion	12

AMOUNT OF MONEY RECEIVED BY EACH OFFICER

Chief Southwick	\$797 50
Officer Dever	178 50
Officer Perley	207 50
Officer Stillings	174 50
Officer Haraden	89 25
Officer Wood	57 50
Officer W. F. Dodge	37 00
Officer Fifield	23 50
Officer Saunders	15 50
Officer Keefe	8 00
Officer Smith	4 50
Officer Duran	2 50
Officer Leroy Dodge	
Special officer service	6 00

\$1,601 75

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR SOUTHWICK, *Chief of Police.*

LIST OF JURORS 1925

William E. Townsend, Willow Street, Superintendent of Streets.
Rodney H. Adams, Highland Street, farmer.
Frank Dane, Moulton Street, foreman.
Charles A. Smerage, Rust Street, R. R. conductor.
John E. Cox, Main Street, foreman.
William A. Brumby, Main Street, chauffeur.
Fred A. Saunders, Railroad Avenue, collector.
Oscar A. Wood, Bridge Street, carpenter.
Daniel P. McGinley, Park Street, machinist.
Otho L. Charles, Plum Street, chauffeur.
Finlay D. MacDonald, Union Street, carpenter.
Frank L. Bailey, Highland Street, electrician.
George F. Cross, Walnut Street, carpenter.
Robert H. Chittick, Jr., Asbury Street, machinist.
Harold A. Daley, Main Street, grocer.
Samuel G. Goodhue, Asbury Street, real estate.
Bayard Tuckerman, Asbury Street, insurance.
Edward A. DeWitt, Essex Street, chauffeur.
Foster E. Tappan, Goodhue Street, farmer.
Walter E. Cheever, Knowlton Street, farmer.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

To the Citizens of Hamilton:

The Trustees of the Public Library submit the following report for the year 1924.

The total circulation of the Hamilton Public Library for the past year was thirteen thousand five hundred sixty-one (13,561) of which number nine thousand two hundred eighteen (9,218) were issued from the Branch at South Hamilton, in spite of the fact that the Branch was closed two months, and four thousand three hundred forty-one (4,341) at the Main Library in the Town Hall.

In March, the Branch Library was destroyed by fire, and the Trustees were forced to secure new quarters. They secured these in the brick block on Main Street, and out of the insurance, which was promptly paid and amply covered the loss sustained, furnished the new Reading Room, which, the Trustees believe, is much better adapted to the needs of the townspeople than the old room. We were obliged to expend considerable money in fitting up the room and also to assume a rental of Twenty-Seven Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$27.50) per month as compared with a rent of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) Dollars per month for the old quarters. However, this rental is lower than the other occupants of the building are charged, and a lease was procured for three (3) years, with an option of renewal for three (3) years, assuring us of a fixed rental until 1930. In view of the various improvements that we were obliged to make, we took the precaution in drawing a lease of inserting the clause that all fixtures, including electrical lighting units, shelvings, counters, curtains, screens, furnaces, stoves and piping, etc., installed by the lessee, of whatever nature, shall remain the property of the lessee.

In compliance with the vote of the Town at the last annual meeting, whereby the sum of Five Hundred (\$500.00) was appropriated for the establishment of a public reading, recreation and community room in the Town Hall, we took over the room formerly called the School Room on the ground floor. The old blackboards were removed and turned over to the School Committee, and the walls were re-painted with a terra cotta dado, and the upper part finished in a harmonizing color effect. New electrical fixtures were installed to insure sufficient light for reading. Draperies have been put up, and willow and cretonne furniture procured, all reflecting the same color scheme. We have also hung the following pictures:

“Under Blue Ionian Skies”—Grecian in effect; “The Amalfi”—Italian in effect; “The Sheperdess”—by a French artist; “The Dutch Flower Girl”—A Holland view; “The Old Farm”—A picturesque New England scene; “The Bend in the Road,” one of the latest pictures by a leading American artist, the subject of which, by coincidence, might easily be said to have been taken from one of the roads in Chebacco woods. In the selection of these pictures, we have tried to meet the current trend of interior decoration by combining brightness and warmth with art and education.

The delay in furnishing the room is chargeable partly to the extra work caused in getting the Branch Library in shape after the fire, and the exercise of economy in the buying of the furnishings, owing to the limited amount of the appropriation. The room has been in much demand for dancing, whist parties and club meetings, and we feel will well warrant the expenditure entailed.

An unusually large number of new books has been added to the library, particularly for children’s reading at the request of the Superintendent of Schools, who has co-operated with the Trustees in furnishing the lists necessary to supplement the required reading in the school courses.

We recommend an appropriation of \$2,700.00, the increase over last year being due to the advance in rent for the Branch Library.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT B. WALSH, *Chairman*,
ARTHUR W. CHANDLER,
EDWARD A. UNDERHILL,

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

To the Trustees of the Public Library:

Gentlemen: Herewith is submitted my fifth annual report as librarian.

The affairs of the library have progressed very favorably this year. We suffered the loss of a considerable number of books, when our Branch Library was burned down. We re-opened on May — with 1200 books on the shelves.

To all those who have made gifts of books or magazines we wish to extend thanks. These gifts indicate the donors are interested in the work, even if they are not able to visit the library. More books have been used this past year in connection with school work, than in previous years. Interest in magazines still holds good and they are eagerly sought for as soon as available. During the year many scholars spent much time searching the magazines for topics connected with their school work.

Although the records for two months were lost at the Branch Library, the circulation from May, 1924 to January, 1925 was only 300 less than for the year 1923. Total circulation for the year was 13561: at the Branch 9218, at the Main Library 4341. The magazines loaned at the Main Library numbered 530; at the Branch, 177, making a total of 700.

During the year 1,914 books were added to the Library. This number being unusually large owing to our re-stocking the Branch Library. Of this number 388 were gifts, 1526 were purchased.

The number of borrowers for the year ending Dec. 31, 1924 was 630 at the Branch, 331 at the Main Library, a total of 961.

The amount of fines collected was \$34.64 as follows: \$21.38

at the Main Library, at the Branch Library \$23.26. The sum of \$4.17 was received for the sale of old books and magazines, a total of \$38.81 being turned over to the Town Treasurer.

The Branch Library is open on Tuesday and Friday, the Main Library on Wednesday and Saturday, from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

LYDIA L. HARADEN,

Librarian.

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE

APPOINTED TO INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITY OF SENDING OUR
HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS TO BEVERLY

The committee held several meetings to consider the proposition and delegated the Secretary to meet the Beverly School Committee and present the case to them. The Secretary, together with the Superintendent of Schools, met the Beverly School Committee at their regular October meeting, and after going over the case very carefully, were promised a reply at an early date. The following letter received from Mr. Chace, the Beverly Superintendent of Schools, was the answer:

December 16, 1924.

Mr. Robert Robertson, Jr.,

School Committee, Hamilton, Massachusetts.

My dear Mr. Robertson: At a meeting of the Beverly School Committee facilities to Hamilton pupils was considered. In view of the large number of pupils anticipated in the fall and the complications of getting settled in the new building, the School Committee voted to give your petitioners leave to withdraw.

Very truly yours,

S. HOWARD CHACE,

(signed) S. H. CHACE.

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The above letter would seem to answer the question for this year at least.

R. ROBERTSON, JR., *Sec'y.*,

J. LAMSON, *Chairman*,

G. v. L. MEYER,

Committee.

REPORT OF SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

By a vote of the people of the town, passed at the regular annual meeting held on March 20th, 1923, a Committee was appointed to consider as to whether the town should erect a Monument to the Soldiers and Sailors who had served their Country in time of War from this town. To make a recommendation as to the form such a Memorial should take, if any, and to report at the Special Meeting to be held on September 5th, 1923.

The Committee reported at that meeting, advising that such a monument should be built, that it take the form of a granite boulder, surmounted by a bronze eagle and anchor, a bronze tablet with suitable inscription to be fixed to the face of the stone, and the whole to be placed upon a plot of ground called Soldiers' Green, in Hamilton Center, and that three cannon be procured from the United States Government and placed at the corners of the plot. The cost of this monument not to exceed five thousand dollars.

By a vote of the town, taken at this meeting, it was voted that an appropriation of Five Thousand Dollars be made for the above purpose, the committee continued in office and directed to carry out the plan.

Your Committee hereby reports as follows:

The Memorial has been completed at a total cost of four thousand, seven hundred and sixty-four dollars and eighty-five cents.

As no provision had been made for the dedicatory exercises,



it was considered by the committee entirely proper to use the balance of the appropriation for this purpose.

Owing, however, to one or two unforeseen expenses, this balance, amounting to two hundred and thirty-five dollars and fifteen cents, did not prove quite sufficient, and we were obliged to overrun to the extent of eighty-eight dollars and eighty-three cents.

This overdraft was brought to the attention of the Finance and Advisory Board of the Town and unanimously voted to be taken from the Reserve Fund. There is therefore no further money needed.

A full statement of expenses is hereto attached, and itemized bills are in the possession of the Town Clerk.

Your Committee having accomplished the work assigned to it, ask that this their report be accepted and they be discharged.

AVON D. BRADEEN, *Chairman.*

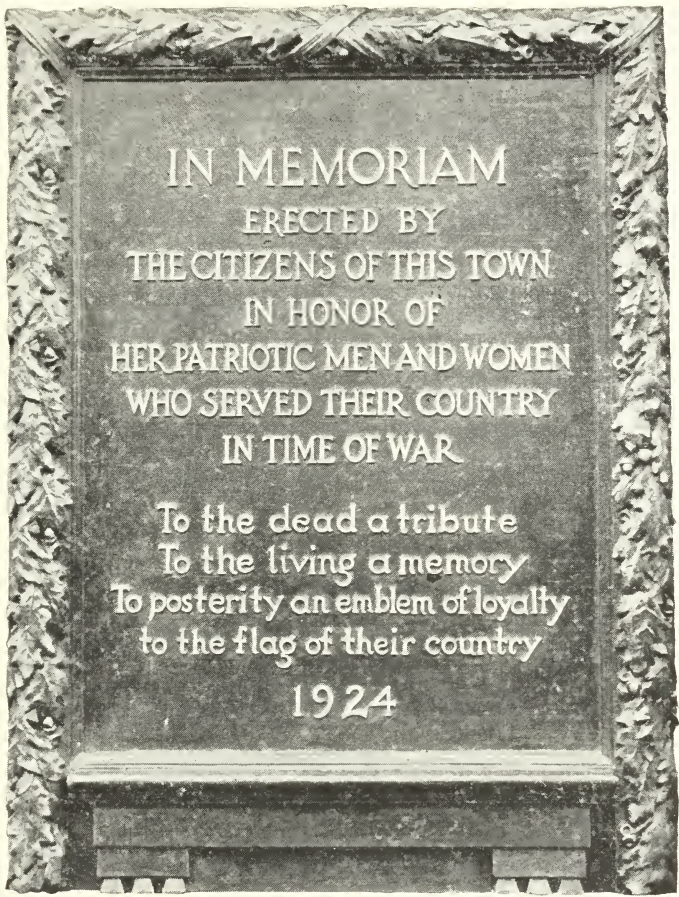
JACOB C. R. PEABODY, *Vice Chairman.*

VICTOR W. DALEY, *Secretary.*

FINLAY D. MACDONALD, *Secretary.*

FRANK P. TRUSSEL, *Member.*

JEREMIAH NORRIS, *Member.*



IN MEMORIAM
ERECTED BY
THE CITIZENS OF THIS TOWN
IN HONOR OF
HER PATRIOTIC MEN AND WOMEN
WHO SERVED THEIR COUNTRY
IN TIME OF WAR

To the dead a tribute
To the living a memory
To posterity an emblem of loyalty
to the flag of their country

1924

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
of the
SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL COMMITTEE.

ERECTION EXPENSES.

Hauling and placing boulder	\$2,059 00	
Designing and casting eagle, tablet and anchor	1,530 00	
Planting around stone	600 00	
Architect's fees	455 00	
Repairs to gun carriages	70 00	
Freight on guns	28 35	
Gun plates	22 50	
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Total		\$4,764 85

DEDICATION EXPENSES

Band	\$137 50	
Carpentry work, etc.	103 18	
Entertainment	52 30	
Cleaning up grounds, etc.	21 00	
Transportation	10 00	
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Total		323 98
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Grand total		\$5,088 83
Overdraft		88 83
From reserve fund		88 83
Total cost of monument		\$5,088 83

TOWN OF HAMILTON
REPORT
OF THE
Finance and Advisory Committee
ON THE
Appropriations and Articles
FOR THE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 10, 1925



SALEM, MASS.:
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REPORT OF FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Citizens:

Your Committee has diligently studied the financial matters under its jurisdiction, and makes the following report for your consideration.

We feel that we would be violating the trust we have taken oath to perform, if we did not bring to your attention economies which we consider possible or necessary, bearing in mind always that we urge only those measures and economies which can be carried out without diminishing the high standards and desired efficiency. We also urge the adoption of a definite highway policy and other matters outlined hereafter.

We shall deal with each article separately, omitting Articles 1, 2, 20, 25, where no finances are involved.

Articles 3 and 4. The following appropriations are recommended:

	<i>Appropriated</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>Recommended 1925</i>	
	1924	1925	<i>Salary</i>	<i>Total</i>
Moderator	\$50	\$50	p. d. \$10	\$50
Finance Committee	25	25	0	25
Selectmen	1,100	1,100	350	
			250	
			250	
			<hr/>	
			850	1,100

	<i>Appropriated</i> 1924	<i>Requested</i> 1925	<i>Recommended</i> <i>Salary</i>	1925 <i>Total</i>
Accounting	1,300	1,300	1,200	1,300
Treasury	940	9000	750	900
Collector	800	1,000	500	800
Assessors	2,000	2,000	p. d. 5	2,000
Certif. of Notes	20	20	0	20
Law	200	300	300	300
Town Clerk	650	650	500	650
			Exp. 150	
Elec. & Regist.	1,000	700		700
Town Hall	2,000	2,000	0	2,000
Police	2,200	2,200	0	2,200
Fire	1,500			2,370
(Special accident) Doctor's bills				1,217
Sealer	300	300	75	300
Moth Dept.	4,700	4,700		4,700
Tree Warden	800	800		800
Forest Warden	65	85	10	85
Health	1,600	1,800	50	1,800
			25	
			25	
Insp. of Animals	75	75	75	75
Game Warden			10	15
Snow	5,000		0	Pending
Street Lights	6,600		0	Pending
Poor	4,000	4,000	50	4,000
			25	
			25	
State Aid	300	300	0	300
Soldiers' Relief	300	300	0	300

	<i>Appropriated</i> 1924	<i>Requested</i> 1925	<i>Recommended</i> <i>Salary</i>	<i>1925</i> <i>Total</i>
Public Library	4,000	2,650		2,650
Parks	100	500	0	
Central	100			
War Mem.	250			350
Memorial Day	200	250	0	250
Town Reports	350	350	0	350
Town Clock	50	50	0	50
Amer. Legion	250	250	0	250
Boiler Ins.	50	125	0	125
Cemetery	800	800	0	800
Highway	15,806	16,000		10,000
Reserve Fund	3,459	3,000	0	3,000
Interest	2,700	3,500		3,500
Maturing Debts				2,000
Schools	44,654	45,850		41,700
Transportation		1,000		1,000
Fire Escape		(5,000)		700
Painting				1,600
Totals				<hr/> \$96,332

SCHOOLS.

Your Committee has studied this problem as thoroughly as it possibly can, and bases its report on facts and figures derived from the Annual Report of the Massachusetts Department of Education for year ended November 30, 1924, Tabulation of School Returns (Part II). Hamilton desires its schools to be as good or better than the average. It should be able to accomplish this for nearly the same amount of money as towns of similar size.

We find, however (reference to above mentioned State document), 13 other Massachusetts towns of approximately our same school enrollment and problems and we submit their figures for your consideration.

Hamilton's figures are as follows, in Column I, and when compared with the figures of 13 towns averaged in Column II, note the difference in cost in Column III.

Average cost per pupil in net average mem- bership (47)*	<i>Hamilton Group III</i>	<i>Excess Cost of Average of Town of Hamilton 13 towns as against average Group III of 13 towns</i>	
	\$114 84	\$82 00	\$32 00
From all sources (46)	44,901 07	33,280 00	
Total Support (28)	42,130 80	33,860 00	8,000 00
Transportation (24)	3,500 00	4,600 00	
Health (23)	901 00		
Janitor and Fuel (20)	5,544 00	4,358 00	1,000 00
Stationery and Supplies (19)	1,643 00	847 00	800 00
Text Books (18)	1,101 00	830 00	270 00
Salaries (17)	26,227 00	19,553 00	6,674 00
Cen. Control (16)	1,857 00	1,430 00	400 00
Pupil, net average membership (15)	391 00	408 00	
Teachers (6)	18	15	3
Pupil Enrollment (8)	425	435	

*These figures in brackets are the column numbers in the State Department document from which these figures are derived.

The average cost per pupil in net average membership for all of the 230 Group III towns of less than 5,000 population is \$63.51; for the 13 towns selected because of their close com-

parison to Hamilton's problems, it is \$82.00; while our cost is \$114.84. Hamilton's cost per pupil is \$51.33 more than the average of all towns. Hamilton's cost per pupil is \$32.84 more than the average of 13 towns.

Granted that our problems may differ from these 13 towns, are our problems such as to cost us \$32.84 more per pupil? With 391 pupils (average) this means \$12,800 a year.

Our investigation convinces us that even if \$82.00 is too low a cost to aspire to, yet \$114.84 is too high a cost to overlook, and the appropriation requested for 1925 figures at the rate of \$117.27 per pupil.

Appreciating that economies always come hard, we have recommended for this year the sum of \$41,700, not including extras as listed, which figures at the rate of \$106.70 per pupil, which we believe is reasonable, as it is a reduction of \$8.14 per pupil, or a requested saving of \$3,198 based on most recent state figures, and you will note that the average cost per pupil is still \$24.70 above the average cost per pupil of the 13 towns.

Art. 5. Appropriation approved \$806.18.

Art. 6. Approved that town hold said money (approximately \$1,000) in trust for the A. P. Gardner Post No. 194.

Art. 7. Approved that \$150 be appropriated for said committee and that they report at the next regular town meeting.

Art. 8. Approved (\$800).

Highways. Your committee believes as a matter of policy that the Highway Department should, together with the Selectmen, determine the work to be done on highways.

We believe that each year a definite fixed sum should be appropriated.

- (1) For new macadam roads;
- (2) For general maintenance of highways;
- (3) For sidewalks;
- (4) For special urgent needs;

and that requests such as Articles 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, and as many others as might be made, should be submitted to the Selectmen and Highway Department and passed on according to their merits compared with the needs of the town as a whole, and should be granted in so far as funds in Section (4) allowed. Only in cases of special emergency or dissatisfaction should such requests be placed before the town.

We believe that the town has wasted far too much money on patchwork in the past, and only by adopting a definite annual policy and vesting the authority with the Selectmen, in whom confidence should be placed, can the town hope to see a general improvement of its highways.

There is at present some doubt as to the authority of the Selectmen over the Highway Department, and steps should be taken to clarify this situation which has already cost the town much money.

Owing to this present division of authority, your committee has passed on Articles 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 16, to the best of its ability, but it earnestly recommends that the method outlined be adopted in the future.

Art. 9. Approved that the Selectmen spend not in excess of \$1,500 on said project.

Art. 10. There seems no pressing need for this expenditure, and it is accordingly not approved.

Art. 11. Referred to Selectment with authority to spend not in excess of \$500, if in their opinion there is pressing need for this improvement.

Art. 12. Approved (\$150).

Art. 13. Referred to the Selectmen, with authority to spend not in excess of (amount pending) if in their opinion there is pressing need for this improvement.

Sidewalks. Your committee recommends as a matter of policy, when other than gravel sidewalks are constructed, that the abutters bear one-half of the expense.

Art. 14. Recommend that \$1,000 be appropriated and Selectmen be authorized to make said repairs and purchases.

Art. 15. Recommend that \$500 be appropriated for Selectmen to make such purchases.

Art. 16. Referred to the Selectmen, with authority to spend not in excess of \$450 for this purpose, if in their opinion there is pressing need for this work.

Art. 17 and 18. Approved, and that the expense be covered by regular street lighting appropriation.

Art. 19. This sum of \$250 has been approved and included in the regular appropriation under Art. 4.

Art. 21. Provision of \$250 has been granted the Park Department under Art. 4 for the care of this item, provided it is given to the custody of the Park Commission.

Art. 22. It is hoped that this will be an annual policy of the town as a special part of the Highway appropriation. See comments under "Highways." This year it is recommended that the town appropriate a special sum, not to exceed \$10,000, for rebuilding of Essex Street, provided the State and County will participate in said construction.

Snow. We have a very large mileage for one truck to cover efficiently and economically. It has been suggested, and we recommend, that the Selectmen see if snow-plowing could be supplemented by local contractor on a per diem or mileage basis, with resulting economy and better road conditions.

Arts. 23 and 24. Approved.

Total Appropriations (not including snow, street lights and Art. 13)—\$112,188.18.

G. v. L. MEYER, *Chairman*,
J. C. R. PEABODY, *Vice Chairman*,
L. A. HASKELL, *Secretary*,
LESTER E. McQUARRY,
WM. W. BANCROFT,
Finance Committee.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF HAMILTON
FOR THE YEAR
1924



SALEM, MASS.,
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1925

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

ORGANIZATION

ROBERT ROBERTSON, JR., <i>Chairman</i>	Term expires 1927
ADELAIDE D. WALSH	Term expires 1926
ALEXANDER H. SPROUL, <i>Secretary</i>	Term expires 1925
ADELAIDE D. WALSH, <i>Purchasing Agent</i>	
JOHN D. WHITTIER, <i>Superintendent</i>	
JOHN G. CORCORAN, <i>School Physician</i>	
HELEN E. PURDY, <i>School Nurse</i>	
OSCAR A. WOOD, <i>Attendance Officer</i>	

We have now finished four months of school with all children attending at either the East or South School Building, and the committee feels that the better results made possible through the closing of the ungraded rural schools have more than offset the inconvenience caused.

We are hoping soon to overcome the disadvantages of transportation by inaugurating the use of larger enclosed busses that will add greatly to the comfort and safety of the children.

The committee is greatly indebted to the Directors of the Community House for permission to use the hall for afternoon assemblies of the entire High School body, a thing not possible in our South School Building owing to lack of an assembly hall. This will enable the principal to begin a series of talks by prominent people, and music by the entire group.

This year we are confronted with a considerable expense for providing an additional means of egress from the South School Building to comply with requirements of the State Police, and for much needed painting at both the East and South School Buildings.

We are at present without the services of our very efficient attendance officer Mr. Wood, who is confined at the Beverly Hospital by illness, but we are confident that he will have a speedy and complete recovery and soon be able to resume his duties.

We are pleased to report that we were able to keep the schools up to the usual standard and still have an unexpended balance of \$1,563.79 to return to the Town Treasury.

Respectfully submitted.

ROBERT ROBERTSON, JR.,
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ALEXANDER H. SPROUL,

School Committee.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

To the School Committee of Hamilton:

MADAM AND GENTLEMEN: I have the honor to present herewith my second annual report of the schools of Hamilton.

PROGRESS

Satisfactory progress has been made in several respects which is gratifying to note. It is very evident that classroom instruction has improved; that pupils have been able to meet the standards for promotion to a large degree; that greater interest is manifest in the school subjects; that there seems to be a co-operative attitude existing between school officials and patrons of the schools. It is realized that there are places in which our system shows weakness, but being aware of this is one step toward remedying the same.

INSTRUCTION

Classroom instruction has been improved through teachers taking special study in extension, correspondence and summer courses. At the present time the teachers of the town are meeting twice monthly for special study.

Teachers are urged to use their classrooms as a laboratory to carry out the new methods they bring back from study and that they make the necessary adaptations that the greatest benefit possible may come to the child. The classes in the schools are not so large but what the teachers are able to study the individual child to the end that he may be benefited thereby. By such per-

sonal knowledge of the pupil's abilities teachers are able to secure maximum efficiency on the part of the pupils resulting in promotions in most cases at the end of the year.

Routine work is deadening to both teachers and pupils. With this in mind, we have endeavored to tone up the classroom work by using many devices to hold the attention of both teachers and pupils without undermining the important work to be accomplished.

SPELLING

Considerable interest has been aroused in the grades in the subject of spelling. During May a Town Spelling Contest was held at the Town Hall. Two pupils from a grade were chosen through elimination contests to represent their grade. Seven hundred and two words were used to determine the two pupils, Helen Tuttle of grade six, and Cecil Whittier of grade seven, to represent the grades of Hamilton at the Union Spelling Contest held at Hamilton Town Hall. The school is indebted to the Victory Club for the beautiful loving cup presented to grade seven, whose representative won the town contest. There were four hundred and ninety-three words used in union contest. The winner of the same and of the large loving cup for the Union was Leighton Caves of grade eight, Wenham.

Contests similar to the above will be held annually, at which time contestants will compete to secure possession of the Union loving cup for their town.

It is expected that the Union cup will be won by the Hamilton contestants in due season.

ARITHMETIC

One year ago the services of Mr. John C. Gray, author of Gray's "Number by Development," were had in the schools. He gave demonstrations of the work, as outlined in his book, in the primary grades and advised the teachers as to the method of pro-

cedure. The method has been used in the primary grades the past year with very satisfactory results. The work of the pupils in the intermediate and grammar grades should show the results of the excellent basis for arithmetic work we are laying in the primary grades as the pupils advance to the higher grades.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

That new interest might be aroused in Physical Education, Miss Louise S. French, Assistant Supervisor of Physical Education for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, spent two days in the schools of this Union during the past year, observing the work of teachers in this branch of work, giving demonstrations in the classrooms and addressing the teachers.

In so far as possible it has been our purpose to carry out the state program of Physical Education in our schools. With that end in view, Mrs. Edith Foster has been secured to take over this work, devoting two half days to it monthly. She comes to us well qualified, through training and several years' experience, to supervise this branch of work in our schools.

EDUCATION WEEK

American Education Week was observed in the schools of Hamilton during the week of November 17, 1924. In each school teachers and pupils endeavored to carry out daily a fitting program devoted to the Constitution of the United States; Patriotism; School and Teacher; Illiteracy and Physical Education. November nineteenth was set aside as the one day on which parents and others interested in the schools would be invited to observe the classroom work. Grades one to six were in session during the regular school hours while grades seven to twelve were in session during the latter part of the afternoon and early evening.

It was gratifying to note that a large number of citizens visited all classrooms during the sessions and expressed themselves

as generally pleased with the work observed. Similar programs will be arranged from time to time that school patrons may become better acquainted with the work of the schools.

REORGANIZATION

At the last annual town meeting the voters of Hamilton took a forward step in solving one of its perplexing education problems by voting to discontinue the North, West and Center rural schools. By so doing this town did what is being done annually in many towns of Massachusetts and of other states.

The voters were justified in discontinuing these schools for the following reasons: First, That the children should be furnished the educational advantages of the graded schools; Second, That they should be schooled in more modern buildings; Third, That they should be transported to school under the supervision of very competent drivers; Fourth, That they should be furnished a warm drink at the lunch period during the cold months; Fifth, That they could be cared for in rest rooms, fully equipped for their comfort, in case of sickness.

The committee realized that there would be some inconveniences to a few families if the reorganization were carried out without considering to which school the children of each family should be sent.

Pupils in grades one and two were allowed to enter either the East or South School. Parents having children attending the Junior or Senior High School were allowed to send other younger children to the grades at the South School. In so far as space in the rooms would permit other children than the above were accepted at the grades in the South School. There were only two cases where children could not be accepted at the schools they desired to attend.

Thus it will be seen that every effort possible has been made to carry out the reorganization for the best advantages of all concerned.

TRANSPORTATION

There are now one hundred and fifty pupils furnished transportation to the East and South Schools from the different parts of the town. The drivers of the vehicles are authorized to have supervision over all pupils while being transported. Recurrence of any disorderly conduct is brought to the attention of the principal by whom the pupils are disciplined. A very few cases have been reported to the principal due to the fact that the drivers of the vehicles are men whom the pupils respect. Parents who find it necessary to have their children transported should feel that while the children are on the way to and from school they are well supervised.

HOME READING WITH SCHOOL CREDIT

Probably no elementary school subject has received more attention during the last half century than the subject of reading. Without doubt this is due largely to the fact that so much of the school work depends upon the basis for reading formed in the lower grades. Where at one time great stress was laid upon oral reading throughout the grades, we now find that silent reading is being emphasized as soon as a foundation for the work has been made. By the end of the third or fourth grade the greatest accomplishments have been made in oral reading and from then on silent reading is emphasized more than oral reading.

Public libraries with suitable reading and reference material are an adjunct to every school system. The pupils in the Hamilton schools are fortunate in the library facilities at their disposal. To encourage them in using the library and thereby establish habits of reading the best of literature a plan has been adopted for giving school credit for home reading in grades three to eight inclusive.

The plan is as follows: Lists of books, suitable for the pupils of each grade, are provided the teachers. Teachers encourage pu-

pils to read the books recommended but not more than one book per week. Pupils make an oral report to teacher on the books read, following which the pupils make a short written report to the teacher. This reading to be done outside of school is a part of the regular work required and credit will be given for such work. At the end of the year certificates will be issued to pupils having read ten books from the regular grade lists. For the reading of each additional five books, with twenty as a maximum, a gold seal will be placed upon the certificate.

In my next annual report I hope to be able to give a creditable list of pupils who have met the requirements for a certificate as well as to give the list of those having received gold seals.

HEALTH

For some time it has been apparent to those having to do with the health work in the schools that there is need of a set of regulations pertaining to the exclusion of pupils from school in case of certain contagious diseases. A very complete set of regulations has been worked out and adopted by the committee. In order that parents may co-operate with the school authorities in carrying out the health program a printed copy of the regulations adopted will be sent to each home in the near future. A proper observance of these regulations, by all concerned, will reduce the possibilities of epidemics in the community.

As in previous years we have had the necessary financial assistance from the Hamilton-Wenham Branch of the American Red Cross to carry on the Dental Clinic Work. This assistance is much appreciated by all concerned. Dr. King devotes Friday mornings throughout the school year to dental work for children in Wenham and Hamilton.

The local branch of the American Red Cross has provided the South School building with a Johnson's First Aid Cabinet and First Aid Medicine Chest, which are most useful.

STATISTICS

Your attention is called to the following statistics taken from the annual reports of the Department of Education.

TABLE I

Increase over previous year

	<i>State</i>	<i>Hamilton</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Hamilton</i>
1920-21	\$43,638,115.83	\$39,889.66	.16	.23
1921-22	47,876,587.00	40,579.78	.12	.01
1922-23	51,960,445.67	41,666.17	.08	.02
1923-24	55,028,161.93	42,130.80	.05	.01

TABLE II

Valuation per pupil in net average membership

	<i>Year ending June 30</i> <i>Hamilton</i>	<i>Rank in</i> <i>Group III</i>
1921	\$12,082	14
1922	11,728	17
1923	11,758	16
1924	12,247	17

TABLE III

Expenditure for school support from local taxation

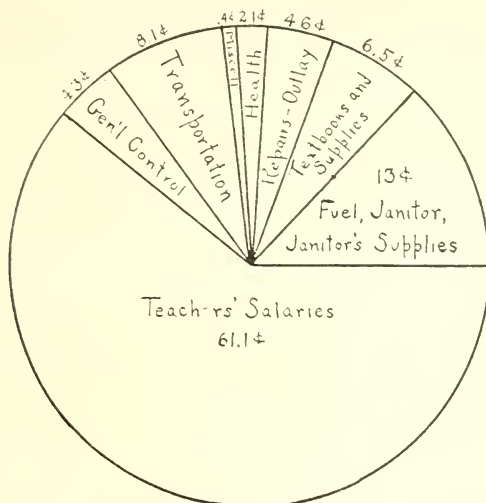
	<i>year ending Dec. 31,</i> <i>per \$1,000 valuation</i>	<i>Rank in</i> <i>Group III</i>	<i>Rate of total</i> <i>tax per \$1,000</i> <i>valuation</i>	<i>Rank in</i> <i>Group III</i>
1920	\$7.89	64	\$16.00	107
1921	8.28	81	20.00	97
1922	8.34	84	17.00	111
1923	8.61	81	21.00	95

TABLE IV

Expenditures for Support *Exclusive of General Control* year ending June 30.

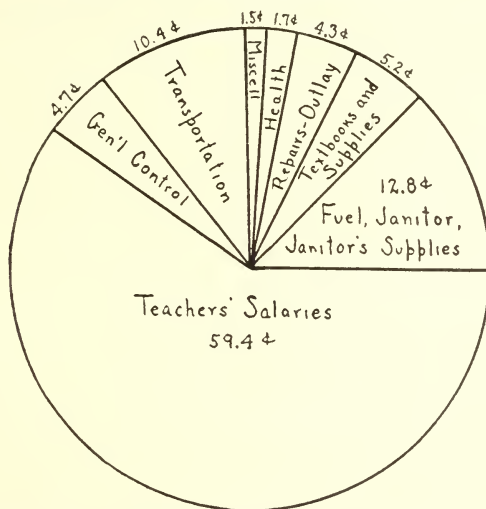
	<i>Grades 1-8 (elem.)</i>		<i>Grades 9-12 (high)</i>	
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Per pupil in average membership</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Per pupil in average membership</i>
1920-21	\$22,000.92	\$78.57	\$16,726.96	\$211.73
1921-22	24,818.91	81.91	19,376.82	239.22
1922-23	23,378.93	77.16	16,516.09	198.99
1923-24	25,784.60	85.10	14,488.51	154.13

DISTRIBUTION OF SCHOOL EXPENDITURES FOR
SCHOOL YEAR 1923-1924 — HAMILTON
HOW EACH DOLLAR IS SPENT



The above chart shows expenditures for the various school departments. Compare with chart for state, below.

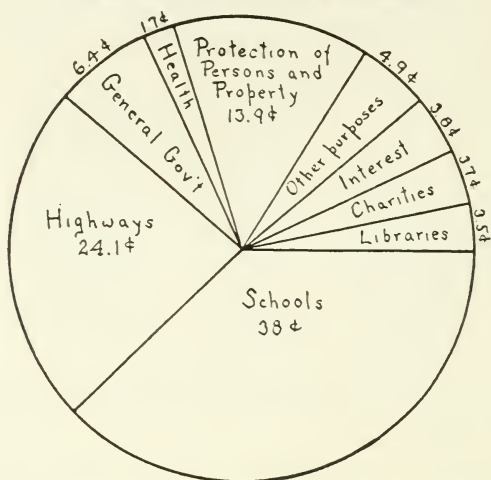
DISTRIBUTION OF SCHOOL EXPENDITURES FOR
SCHOOL YEAR 1923-1924 — STATE
HOW EACH DOLLAR IS SPENT



The above chart shows average expenditures for all towns in the same Group (III) with Hamilton.

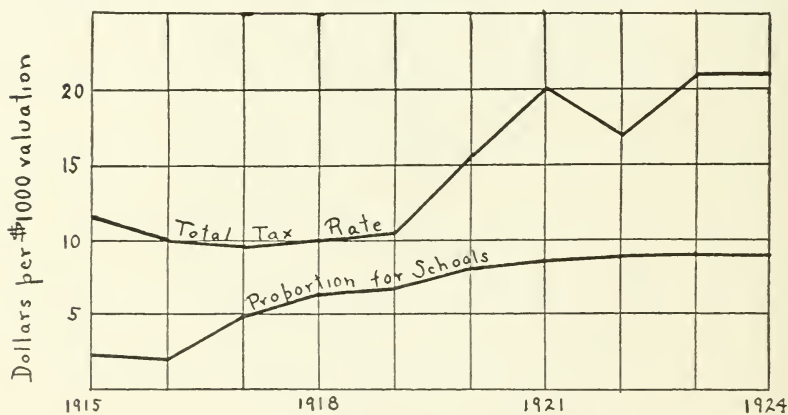
DISTRIBUTION OF TOWN EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1924

HOW EACH DOLLAR IS SPENT



Of each dollar of taxes paid by taxpayers of Hamilton in 1924, 38 cents went for the support of the schools.

COMPARISON OF LOCAL TAX RATE FOR TEN YEARS AND AMOUNT OF THAT TAX USED FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES



Interpretation:—The schools are not entirely responsible for increased taxes.

TABLE V
COMPARATIVE COSTS

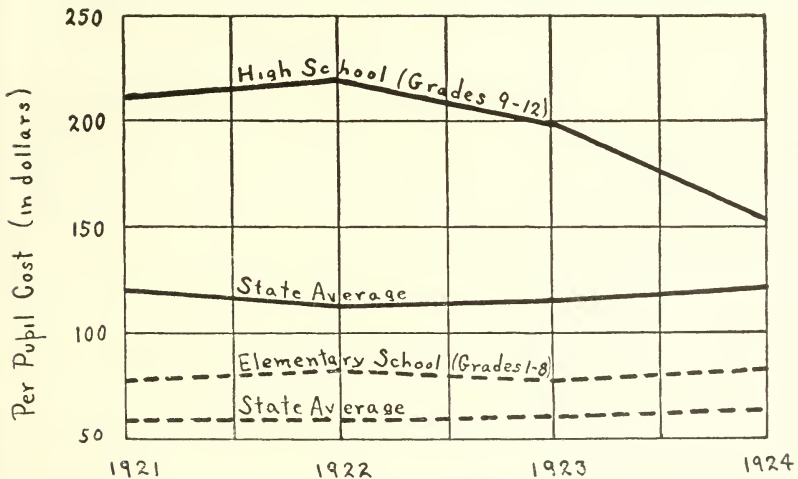
Expenditure per pupil in average membership exclusive of General Control for pupils in this supervisory union is:

<i>Grades 1-8</i>	<i>Essex</i>	<i>Hamilton</i>	<i>Lynnfield</i>	<i>Topsfield</i>	<i>Wenham</i>
1920-21	\$59.16	\$78.57	\$94.32	\$79.25	\$92.41
1921-22	47.20	81.91	80.26	71.37	85.64
1922-23	49.31	77.16	87.83	83.41	107.05
1923-24	74.10	85.10	100.47	96.36	110.50

<i>Grades 9-12</i>	<i>Essex</i>	<i>Hamilton</i>	<i>*Lynnfield</i>	<i>Topsfield</i>	<i>†Wenham</i>
1920-21	\$89.99	\$211.73	\$52.41	\$255.52	97.76
1921-22	122.50	239.22	120.11	206.48	88.17
1922-23	169.56	198.99	105.29	159.74	85.08
1923-24	123.44	154.13	110.78	165.48	84.72

* Instruction furnished in other towns and cities.

† Instruction furnished in other towns and cities for Grades 10-12.



The above chart shows Hamilton's expenditures per pupil in elementary grades and high school compared with state averages.

SAVINGS

Deposits by the pupils throughout the town average about seventy-five cents each. This is far below what it should be. It is noticeable that the children in town do not lack money for the purchase of those things which appeal to every child. Through the schools we endeavor to teach the children to be thrifty and save for future needs. With the necessary encouragement on part of parents we hope to double the children's savings during the next year.

SCHOOL SAVINGS, SALEM SAVINGS BANK

Balance January 1, 1924	\$292.46
Deposits during 1924	294.65
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Total	587.11
Withdrawals and Transfers, 1924	288.64
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Balance January 1, 1925	298.47
Number of Depositors January 1, 1925	184

SCHOOL NEEDS

The same generous financial support from the taxpayers as formerly.

Co-operation with the teachers in raising the standard of work done by our pupils.

Confidence in the School Committee that directs the educational system of the town, in the Superintendent of Schools, the School Physician, the School Nurse, the Supervisors of Music, Drawing and Physical Training, and the teachers in the schools.

CONCLUSION

To the members of the Committee and others working with me to bring the schools of Hamilton to the highest degree of efficiency, I wish to express my appreciation for their co-operation and loyalty.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN D. WHITTIER,

Superintendent of Schools.

December 31, 1924.

AGE OF ADMISSION

No child will be admitted to the first grade at the opening of school in September who will not be five years of age by the first day of October.

Pupils are admitted to this grade only during the first two weeks of school in September, unless they have attended school in some other town.

VACCINATION

Children who have not been vaccinated will not be admitted to school in September unless they present certificates from a regular practicing physician stating that they are not fit subjects for vaccination. Parents are requested to attend to this matter during the summer vacation, as certificates of exemption must be presented at the opening of school to entitle children to admission.

SCHOOL CENSUS

As of APRIL, 1924

	Boys	Girls
Number between five and seven years of age	34	30
Number between seven and fourteen years of age	113	148
Number between fourteen and sixteen years of age	31	31
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Totals	178	209
Total Census		387

The following pupils were perfect in attendance for the year 1923-24:

South: Sarah Ayers, Isabel Caverly, John Corcoran, Sarah Guild.

West School: Virginia Adams.

East School: Margaret Sargeant.

High School: Leroy Doucette, Katherine Malone, George Morrow,
Bernice Doucette.

Pupils from Hamilton who attended Beverly Industrial School during 1923-24:

Roland Berry

Anthony Ryan

Norman Hurd

Everett Hurd

Attending Essex Agricultural School:

Gerald Colwell

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL

To the Superintendent of Schools:

Dear Sir: I respectfully submit to you my report of the Junior-Senior High School for the period from January 1 to December 31, 1924.

The school has enrolled 171 pupils, distributed as follows:

<i>Class</i>	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Losses</i>
Junior I	16	21	37	0
Junior II	10	19	29	0
Junior III	6	23	29	0
Senior I	16	16	32	2
Senior II	13	12	25	0
Senior III	6	14	19	0
	—	—	—	—
	66	105	171	2

I wish to call attention to the high retention of pupils in the senior high school. Ordinarily about one-third of those entering the ninth grade ever graduate from high school. Hamilton is graduating two-thirds, which seems to indicate a belief in the progress of the school.

I am pleased to note an ever-growing interest on the part of the junior high school pupils in the work of the school. They are continually asking for more responsibility, a more active part in the running of their school, and special work. While this is not so true of the senior high school, there is an increasing seriousness on the part of the college preparatory group, especially, and of the upper years of the commercial group.

Interest in schooling beyond the high school shows an increase as an examination of the figures for the graduating class of 1924 will show. On the average but two-fifths of the graduates of a high school get further schooling, and Hamilton's figures have been even lower than this. Last year, however, about three-fifths of the graduates went to higher institutions.

Every member of the junior and senior classes is assigned to some teacher or to the principal for a discussion of and if possible, the early determination of post high school study. By this means we hope to direct pupils toward goals suited to them, and to so arrange individual schedules that entrance to college and normal school will be easy.

A new system of reporting marks and credits to parents has been incorporated on the report cards. Every poor mark on the cards is accompanied by a figure indicating the probable reason for the failure. This should help parents to co-operate with the teachers for the better success of their children.

Investigation has shown that for the first four months of the current school year, insufficient home study and absence caused more failures than any other factors. In an effort to reduce failures warning cards are sent to parents one month before the regular report cards are issued, requesting the parents to consult with the teacher in order to find the reason for the failure and to remedy the situation if possible. It is disappointing to note that out of seventy-seven warning cards sent out since September of this year, only nine parents took the trouble to visit or communicate with the teacher.

One of the most vital factors in the improvement of the junior high school was the increase in the time given to the fundamental subjects—English composition, arithmetic and grammar.

English periods were increased in the ratio of 3 to 5 per week and arithmetic periods from 3 to 5 per week. Supervised study periods are now arranged in such a way as to give each teacher with whom the groups come in contact some time outside of regular classes for special work, extra help, and general conference. The fruits of this are already being realized.

In the senior high school several pupils have been dropped into the next lower class because of inability or unwillingness to stand the pace. No pupil will be allowed to continue as a member of his class who has not earned the required number of points.

In so far as is possible, study groups have been eliminated from recitations. This was made possible by the addition of a teacher for the year beginning September.

The assignment of courses to teachers is more satisfactory this year than last because the additional teacher made it possible to distribute classes according to the teachers' major subjects.

An evening session was held during American Education Week to enable the townspeople to see the schools in operation. A large number of parents visited classes and assembly exercises. Those present could not fail to realize the handicap we are struggling under because of the lack of an assembly hall, a lunch room and a gymnasium.

A school library has been started since September and a good nucleus on which to build brought together and catalogued. Book-cases were made by the manual training classes. At present the principal's office is used as the library. A separate library and reference room would increase the benefits to be derived, though this is not absolutely essential except when the office is used for classroom purposes and conferences.

The importance of guidance along vocational lines has been recognized this year by the introduction of half-year courses in vocations in grades seven and eight. The child is enabled to make a study of the advantages and disadvantages of the various vocations with a view toward assisting him to more efficiently make a choice of his life work when the time comes and thus to minimize the number of misfits. The work this year, due to the teacher in charge, has been inspirational as well as instructive. It should be continued in the upper years.

The violin classes started last spring have been successful, and a concert by the pupils and the Beverly school orchestra will doubtless be given soon. The advanced class numbers eleven and the beginning class twelve.

The social activities of the school have been limited. The Washington trip activities have dominated, making it difficult to raise money for other legitimate purposes such as athletics, school magazine and dramatics. I believe, that in view of the increasing size of the senior class and the consequently large sum of money necessary for the Washington trip, a maximum amount should be set which may be raised by the class and that any amount needed in excess of this should be raised or contributed by the class members individually.

The work of the special supervisors and the nurse will be found in their respective reports.

In closing, I wish to thank the Superintendent and the School Committee for their continued support.

HOWARD W. WATSON,

Principal.

REPORT OF DRAWING SUPERVISOR

To the Superintendent of Schools:

Dear Sir: I herewith submit my second annual report.

My drawing course has again this year been carried out along definite lines with a definite aim in view as last year.

My objective in teaching art in the schools is to teach the pupils to use drawing as a means of expressing themselves freely, to improve house decorations, and dress, and to appreciate the beauty in the forms and color in nature and art. This may be accomplished by the following course of work:

“Representation” includes the drawing of pictures, perspective, the study of the human figure, animal drawing and nature drawing. Under this subject several drawing from nature have been made. In grades one and two the “Mother Goose Rhymes” and the “Three Bear Story” have been fully illustrated. In grade three the drawing has been correlated with reading on the study of Holland. Grades four, five and six have done somewhat the same kind of work only on Japan. The drawings have covered many of the outstanding characteristics of those countries. In nearly every grade this has been extremely successful.

Among the upper classes from grade six through the Junior High School there has been a more definite study of the figure. They have made outline drawings, and, also, many silhouettes in ink of different poses. Several lessons were spent on the drawing of just the head showing a variety of facial expressions and many styles of hair dressing.

There is always a great demand for posters in my work. Last spring the sixth grades drew “Safety First” posters, and the three

best ones were sent to the State contest. Some on health have been started in grade five, and an advertising poster on travel, which includes much practice on lettering, in the Junior High School.

"Design" is the next subject under my work. This is just being started for this year. Upon reviewing what had been covered last year, I was surprised to find how much the boys and girls remembered. There is much to learn about the laws of order, color theory, and geometric shapes. After these are thoroughly understood, the child has a clear knowledge to develop a design worth using.

"Construction" is the third and last branch under my work. It develops creative ability, hand skill, and accuracy in following directions. There is much opportunity during the special days, such as Hallowe'en, Thanksgiving, and Christmas for construction work. At Thanksgiving time Indian symbols were constructed and some of the material was used for sand tables picturing an Indian village. In one room, where they were studying Japan, a very interesting sand table on that country was constructed. Much of the Christmas work comes under this heading. At that time several window, tree and room decorations were made, also place cards, calendars and Santa Claus drawings.

In the High School class some special work has been accomplished. Before Christmas the pupils did tiedyeing on silk scarfs which in most cases was very successful.

Summing up the year's work I wish to extend my sincere thanks to teachers, pupils and school officials for their co-operation and activity in making my work very interesting.

Respectfully submitted,

MADELEINE S. HOPKINS,

Supervisor of Drawing.

REPORT OF MUSIC SUPERVISOR

To the Superintendent of Schools:

Dear Sir: Musical art is the idealized art of the inner man as distinguished from the arts of painting and sculpture and their like which are the idealized expression of what is outside him. In all probability it precedes spoken language, for music is primarily the expression of definite emotions; articulate language is the expression of a definite thought and in the process of evolution emotion precedes thought.

Music should take its place in every school as a daily exercise, to develop in every child a means of self-expression, to give to every child an acquaintance with such a repertoire of music as may assist in forming a cultural background comparable to that gained in literature through the study of English and, as far as may be possible, an acquaintance with the signs and symbols used in printed music.

During the first year of school rote singing and elimination of monotones is the important work to be covered. In the second and third grades continuation of rote singing and the introduction of note reading from the board, flash cards and music readers is taken up. Technical steps are also introduced in these grades such as finding "do" with sharps or flats in the signature.

Technical work and note reading is carried on through the fourth, fifth and sixth grades. Two-part singing is started in the fifth and three-part in the sixth. In the seventh and eighth grades we continue part work using more difficult music, trying to broaden the child's repertoire with songs they should know to take an active part in community and church work. This type of music is carried over into the High School Chorus and Glee Club.

On the evening of June 13, 1924 the sixth grade presented, "Midsummer Eve," a musical fairy play, at the Town Hall, which was very successful. The class voted to spend the amount realized for a motion picture lantern with films which is not only of great use to them but to all the High School classes. All work in connection with the play, including Posters, Decorations, Costumes and printing, was carried out by the pupils of the school.

The High School Orchestra which was organized last year is doing commendable work and at present is studying the "William Tell Overture," selections from the "Bohemian Girl," "Lohengrin," and other selections of this type. They have furnished musical entertainment for many occasions such as suppers, basketball games, Essex and Hamilton High School graduations and many of the other school functions.

This year we have started a primary orchestra in the first grade. The toy instruments used are: bells, drums, cymbals, triangles, tambourines, metallaphones, clappers, etc. The most important feature of this orchestra is to furnish excellent training in rhythm and melody.

New music books have been furnished for the second, third and sixth grades at the South School and for both rooms at the East School.

One of the greatest advancements made this year has been adding of a course in "Appreciation of Music" for the Junior High curriculum. The aims of this course are: first, a development of a finer subjective life; second, development of bases for forming musical judgments; and third, development of a discriminating taste as to what constitutes good music. This course is being developed according to the following outline:

I. Vocal Music:

- (a) Songs
- (b) Opera
- (c) Oratorio

II. Instrumental Music:

- (a) Absolute
- (b) Program

III. National Music:

- (a) Folk music
- (b) Art music

IV. The Orchestra:

- (a) Its constituents
- (b) Its literature

V. Musical Criticism—the result of intelligent listening:

- (a) Related to a profession
- (b) As a subject for language lessons

Much interest is being shown in this course by both pupils and teachers. I earnestly hope the parents will co-operate with the Music Department by using the finer type of music in the home and at entertainments the boys and girls attend.

“Music is the universal language of mankind.”—*Longfellow*.

I take this opportunity to thank the Superintendent and teachers for their hearty co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

MAUDE L. THOMAS,

Supervisor of Music.

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

To the Superintendent of Schools:

Dear Sir: I herewith submit the annual report of the school nurse for the Town of Hamilton.

The past year has met with a few changes. The majority of those taking part in the school health program, namely: school physician, superintendent, school committee, teachers, parents and the children themselves have co-operated in building a health program equal to or excelling the average community of its size.

The ultimate aim of the whole health program is the health of the child. Your state and nation are stressing preventive medicine as the best means of approaching this goal. They are urging the correction of the initial defect, whether of malnutrition, defective tonsils, eyes, ears, or the more serious conditions of heart or lungs before serious systemic damage arises.

With the ultimate health of the child in view we have gained permission of many parents for special examinations. In June, those children, whose parents consented, were given a thorough examination of heart and lungs. In view of the fact that underweight children are considered more susceptible to disease, a yearly examination of those children is urged.

A special examination was also given those children three years retarded in school work to see: first, whether or not there was a physical defect; second, to ascertain, if possible, whether or not anything of further benefit could be done for them, either by the correction of physical defect or by directed study.

At the opening of school in September we asked permission of parents to give stripped to the waist examinations to all children. By far a greater majority than we expected responded

through the sixth grade, there being only a small per cent in the seventh and eighth grades; however, in the seventh and eighth grades I feel the decision was often made by the child, rather than by the parent.

The percentage of defects was not noticeably increased due to the fact, I think, that parents of underweight and delicate children were not prone to wish the stripped to the waist examination. These are the children who should benefit themselves by routine examination.

In no way do we wish to humiliate the child or suspect the parent of neglect. We hope to discover defects in the initial stage, before a parent would detect them, and refer all treatment to their family physician.

As in previous years, the Hamilton-Wenham Red Cross is continuing the work of the Dental Clinic. This year they have voted to carry the work through the fifth grade only. As in the past the accomplishment has been creditable.

Allow me to quote Dr. Bigelow, Director of Communicable Diseases, in regard to smallpox and vaccination:

“Why vaccinate? To protect the community from smallpox. It is many years since this country has been visited by as much smallpox.

“The Allegheny County Medical Society published the following figures in the Pittsburgh Medical Bulletin

Smallpox Cases—Jan. 1, 1924 to July 21, 1924

Connecticut	247	New Jersey	267
California	738	New York	200
Indiana	2,870	Ohio	3,901
Kansas	1,080	North Carolina	3,326
Minnesota	1,494	Pennsylvania	187

"The manner of spread of this disease by our modern transportation methods is well illustrated by the following experience. Two men were travelling together in Canada, both in search of work. On January 3, 1924 they both separated in Winnipeg, one going to Duluth, the other to Detroit. The former developed the first case of malignant smallpox in Duluth this year, and died. Subsequently 39 others died. The latter spent three or four nights in various rooming houses in Detroit, returning to Windsor, Canada, before symptoms of smallpox developed. Following his visitation to Detroit there were 119 deaths from malignant smallpox.

"Massachusetts has been comparatively fortunate so far this year with only twelve cases and two deaths from smallpox. By enforcing the compulsory vaccination of school children and encouraging unvaccinated adults to be vaccinated we can keep out the disease. As the proportion of unvaccinated in your community increases so does the danger from a smallpox outbreak. If one of these men from Canada had come into your community in search of work what would have happened?"

The first of January a system of daily health inspection was introduced into the schools through the sixth grade. Daily morning inspection is carried on concerning cleanliness habits in regard to teeth, hands, face, nails, open windows and hours of sleep, etc. In this way children are trained to give thought to these habits themselves. We need the co-operation of parents in keeping the percentage of defects down to a minimum.

Many defects of a correctible nature are yet evident and parents are urged to consult their family physician, or the school nurse, with the idea of having the defects remedied.

The following statistics are available:

Elementary School (Grades 1-8)

	<i>Approximate No. examined</i>	<i>Defects</i>	<i>Notices</i>	<i>*Defects corrected</i>
Teeth	304	263	263	50
Tonsils	304	†26	26	13
Eyes	304	27	23	9
Ears	304	2	2	1
Posture defects	304	94	94	
Glands	304	8	8	

High School (Grades 9-12)

Heart	99	2	**	
Teeth	101	†8	†8	
Pediculosis	104	4	4	4

* Record obtainable on children taken to hospital or dentist by school nurse. Many other children have been cared for privately by their parents.

** Condition already known to parents.

† Condition warranting reporting to parents.

In closing, I wish to thank the Superintendent, School Committee, teachers, and all who have co-operated in maintaining the school health program.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN E. PURDY,

School Nurse.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF PHYSICAL TRAINING

To the Superintendent of Schools:

Dear Sir: The Department of Physical Training was introduced this year into your schools with bi-monthly visits from your supervisor.

This year's work may be considered as foundational.

We featured during the fall term playground work and calisthenics, with special attention to corrective exercises for postural defects.

On the playground, our objective was not merely the playing of games. The mental and ethical training acquired during a properly conducted period of organized games is as valuable as the muscular training. Alertness, concentration, inhibition, quick reaction to stimulus, snap judgment and instant obedience to command are essential to a successful period of organized play. These are mental qualities that are invaluable later in life.

We organize our group into squads with pupil leaders. Playing the games to win for the squad, or team, develops a group consciousness, a subordination of the individual interests to the good of the group. This group consciousness develops at the age when the old "gang spirit" once manifested itself, usually with a bully for a leader. The instinct of the gang required a leader. So the instinct of the group requires a leader from among its members. We recognize the hereditary instinct, and direct its activity. This group consciousness becomes in later life civic consciousness. Obedience to the rules of the games develops the mental habit which will later manifest itself in obedience to the laws of the land.

We have featured throughout the course corrective exercises for drooping head and round shoulders, the two prevailing types of faulty posture. We keep continually in their minds the desir-

ability of good posture, from the æsthetic viewpoint, and from the viewpoint of physical efficiency.

We have given gymnastic exercises as much as time allotted and floor space available would permit. Our aim is not to dash through a series of exercises. It is to perform each given exercise in proper form, that we get exactly the muscular reaction for which the exercise is planned, and that no faulty posture is assumed during the exercise. We vary the rhythm in which we give the exercises, as we strive for mental alertness during a gymnastic period. The power of concentration, inhibition, and instant response to stimuli will be developed in a good series of gymnastic lessons. This mental training is as valuable as the muscular exercise. We choose exercises for the big muscles of the trunk and legs, as our work follows protracted periods of sitting, and we wish to relieve the congested circulation in the tissues which have not been active.

We teach the simpler commands of Marching Tactics, as a class can be handled without loss of time, only if they can respond to marching commands.

During the winter term, we expect to feature Folk Dancing as much as floor space, the use of a piano, and time allotted will permit.

Throughout our course, we try to inculcate in the pupils' minds the idea of the value of fresh air, sunshine, physical activity, good posture, hard play, fair play, and mental alertness.

The old slogan, "A sound mind in a sound body," seems to express most adequately our aim. We wish each pupil might develop a body that is a perfectly balanced machine which will respond efficiently to the control of a alert, well-balanced, well-inhibited mind, which is the central controlling factor of a perfect mechanism.

Respectfully submitted,

EDITH FOSTER,

Supervisor of Physical Training.

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT

THE

SENIOR CLASS OF THE HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOL

REQUESTS YOUR PRESENCE AT THE
COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Thursday evening, June 26, 1924, at 8 o'clock

TOWN HALL

PROGRAM

March.....	HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA
Invocation.....	REV. F. W. WERTS
Salutatory—"The Life of Woodrow Wilson".	FREDERICK HOLLAND
"Anchored"— <i>Watson</i>	GLEE CLUB CHORUS
Reading of Class History.....	THELMA SMERAGE
"The Evening Wind"— <i>C. Saint Saens</i>	LORENA CASE
Prophecy of 1924.....	STANLEY ANDERSON
Music.....	HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA
Valedictory—"The Development of Office Routine".	HOPE BUZZELL
Presentation of Gifts by Class President....	STANLEY ANDERSON
Class Ode— <i>Helen Kerrigan</i>	GRADUATING CLASS AND CHORUS
Presentation of Diplomas.....	ROBERT ROBERTSON, JR.
Awarding of Washington and Franklin Medal	
"Water Lilies"— <i>Linder</i>	HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS
"Keep on Hopin' "— <i>Marxwell</i>	HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS
Benediction.....	REV. F. W. WERTS
March.....	HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

CLASS ROLL

Stanley Gilman Anderson	Lydia Emma Jones
Peter Thomas Burns	Jennie Katz
Hope Buzzell	Helen Katherine Kerrigan
Lorena Mae Case	Francis Allen Newhall
Lewis Franklin Day	Horace Elmer Pope
Frederick Courtland Holland	Thelma Mae Smerage
Mabel Elizabeth Stillings	

CLASS MOTTO

“Excelsior”

CLASS COLORS

Blue and White

CLASS FLOWER

Yellow Tea Rose

MEMBERSHIP BY AGE AND GRADE, APRIL 1, 1924

Grades	AGES																	Totals	% Re- tarded
	5 ¹	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19				
1	27	10	6	1	1												45	4	
2		16	16	7													39	0	
3		23	16	8	2	1											50	6	
4			6	17	9	3											35	8	
5				11	20	14				1	1						47	4	
6				1	8	11	13	2	1								36	8	
7					2	8	1	2	1								14	21	
8					2	6	15	9	1								33	3	
9						7	17	8	1	1							34	5	
10							5	10	8	3							26	11	
11								8	13	3							24	0	
12									4	10	1	1					16	6	

Total for Grades 1 - 6	-	-	-	-	252	5
Total for Grades 7 - 12	-	-	-	-	147	6
Total for Grades 1 - 12	-	-	-	-	399	5

TEACHERS' DIRECTORY, JANUARY, 1925

SCHOOL REPORT

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NAME	SCHOOL	Subject or Grade	Salary	Appointment	Education Last School Attended
Howard W. Watson.....	High, Principal	Science and Math.	\$2600	1923	Middlebury College
Florence B. Davey.....	High, Assistant	English and History	1250	1922	Trinity College
Catharine Cary.....	High, Assistant	French and Latin	1250	1923	University of Maine
Elizabeth C. Horan.....	High, Assistant	Commercial	1400	1921	Salem Normal
Grace E. McGinley.....	High, Assistant	Commercial	1400	1921	Salem Normal
Thomas Carr.....	High, Assistant	Manual Arts	1600	1924	Fitchburg Normal
Sara C. Leighton.....	High, Assistant	Domestic Arts	1400	1924	Farmington Normal
Edna F. Hurlburt.....	Junior High	Lit. and History	1500	1915	Boston University
Hazel E. Ramer, Mrs.....	Junior High	Sci. and Geography	1500	1921	Salem Normal
Irma M. Bucklin.....	Junior High	English and Arith.	1350	1924	Brandon Training Class
Elsie F. Potter.....	South	Grade 6	1200	1924	Farmington Normal
Margaret K. Batchelder.....	South	Grade 5	1100	1920	Salem Normal
Marian C. Joseph.....	South	Grade 4	1100	1921	Salem Normal
Edith L. Fletcher.....	South	Grade 3	1300	1906	Salem Normal
Marion A. Smith.....	South	Grade 2	1250	1922	Hamilton High
Nelly G. Cutting.....	South	Grade 1	1400	1915	Salem Normal
Clyde J. Potter.....	East	Grades 4-6	1200	1923	Farmington Normal
Sarah Stevens	East	Grades 1-3	1150	1922	Salem Normal
Madeleine S. Hopkins.....	All	Drawing	600	1923	Normal Art
Maude L. Thomas.....	All	Music	565	1923	Boston University
Helen E. Purdy.....	All	Nurse	720	1923	Mary Fletcher Hospital
*Edith Foster, Mrs.....	All	Physical Training	100	1924	Harvard Summer

* One day monthly.

SCHOOL CALENDAR, YEAR 1925-1926

1925

January 2.....	Schools open
February 20.....	Schools close
March 2.....	Schools open
April 24.....	Schools close
May 4.....	Schools open
June 26.....	Schools close

Summer Vacation

August 31.....	Schools open
September 7.....	Holiday
October 12.....	Holiday
November 25.....	Close at noon
November 30.....	Schools open
December 24.....	Close at noon

1926

January 4.....	Schools open
February 22.....	Holiday
February 26.....	Schools close
March 8.....	Schools open
April 19.....	Holiday
April 30.....	Schools close
May 10.....	Schools open
May 31.....	Holiday
June 25.....	Schools close

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF HAMILTON SCHOOLS

RESOURCES

Appropriation of Town	\$45,880 00
Dog Tax	341 96
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Total	\$46,221 96

EXPENDITURES

GENERAL EXPENSES

Superintendence and Enforcement of Law:

Expense of School Committee \$129 08

Superintendent of Schools:

Salary 1,190 00

Expense of travel 119 53

Clerk and Expense of Supt. Union 306 11

School census 30 00

Attendance officer 100 00

Total

 \$1,874 72

EXPENSE OF INSTRUCTION

Teachers' Salaries:

Principal	\$2,540	
High School Assistants	6,115 00	
Elementary	16,853 00	
Supervisor of Music	550 00	
Total	—————	\$26,058 00

Textbooks:

High School	\$488 53	
Elementary School	194 14	
Total	—————	682 67

Supplies:

High School	1,027 04	
Elementary School	968 54	
Total	—————	1,995 58
		————— 28,736 25

EXPENSE OF OPERATION

Janitors' Salaries:

High School	\$750 00	
Elementary School	1,730 00	
Total	—————	2,480 00

Fuel:

High School	588 59	
Elementary School	1,360 82	
Total	—————	1,949 41

Janitors' supplies

356 15

Miscellaneous expense

338 07

Total

————— 5,123 63

MAINTENANCE

Repairs:

High School	\$884 42	
Elementary School	1,821 31	
Total	<hr/>	2,705 73

AUXILIARY AGENCIES

School Library	\$72 00	
Physical Training Supervisor	35 00	
Health:		
Physician	\$300 00	
Nurse	648 00	
Dental exam.	65 00	
Miscellaneous supplies	43 34	
	<hr/>	1,056 34
Transportation of Children	3,950 00	
Miscellaneous	485 95	
Total	<hr/>	5,599 49

OUTLAYS

New Equipment	\$212 35	
Boundary Fence	406 00	
Total	<hr/>	618 35
Total Expenditures		<hr/> \$44,658 17
Balance unexpended		1,563 79
Appropriation		<hr/> \$46,221 96

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS

Essex County Training School,

Beverly Industrial School:

Payments for Tuition	\$276 50	
Balance unexpended	223 50	
Appropriation	<u> </u>	\$500 00

SCHOOL HOUSE INSURANCE

Payments on policies	\$449 67	
Balance unexpended	33	
Appropriation	<u> </u>	450 00

Grand Total of Expenditures		<u> </u>	\$45,384 34
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Respectfully submitted,

ADELAIDE D. WALSH.

